



# 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 - No Mass**

*St Luke, evangelist*

**Tuesday - No Mass**

*Sts John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, priests, companions, martyrs*

*St Paul of the Cross, priest*

**Wednesday - No Mass**

**Thursday - No Mass**

**Friday - No Mass**

*Sy John Paul II, pope*

**Saturday - No Mass**

*St John of Capistrano, priest*

### NEXT SUNDAY

**23/24 OCTOBER**

*(30th Sunday in Ordinary*

*Time Year B)*

**Saturday Vigil Mass:**

**5:30pm**

**Sunday Masses:**

**8:00am & 10:00am**

**4th Sunday of the Month:**

**5:30pm Mass in Tagalog**

**1st Friday of the Month:**

**7:00pm Mass in**

**Vietnamese**

**Fatima First Saturday**

**Rosary 7.45am**

**Adoration 8.30am**

**Reconciliations:**

**Saturdays – 4:15 – 5:00pm**

**Wednesday – 7:30 – 8:00pm**

**Anointing of the Sick**

**Contact the Parish Office  
or Fr Dominic 0423 420 639**

## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

16th & 17th October, 2021

### *Live a life of service*

A father was scolding his young son for not doing his homework. "If I had a computer, it would be so much easier" complained the son. "You don't need a computer", replied the father. "When Abraham Lincoln was your age, he studied by candlelight in a log cabin." "And when he was your age", the son replied. "He was President of the United States!"

"What are we in position of power for?" We all should ask ourselves that question when we are in positions of power. In today's gospel Mark tells us that James and John ask Jesus to give them power - to allow them to rule with him when he, as they assumed he would, about to take over the government. "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." They could not understand what following Jesus entails. They see Jesus as the Messiah with a political agenda. They probably think that Jesus will replace the Roman power with his own reign. The two brothers hope to get the two most important positions when Jesus sits in his glory.

It is not only the two brothers (James and John) who yearn for positions of power but the rest of the Twelve as well. Mark tells us that the ten become indignant at James and John. This is a very human story that is still being acted out where human beings work together. Therefore, Jesus turns this event into an opportunity to teach his disciples about authority and greatness. 'The rulers among the Gentiles, lord over their subjects'. Such is the case of the emperor, the governors, and the lesser authorities. Even the religious leaders in Israel love to sit on the 'chair' of Moses and receive salutations from the people. But it is different with Jesus who came not to be served but to serve. His only agenda is to serve the people, to reach out to those who are in need, to heal and save them. He is willing to pay the price for it by his suffering and death on the cross in order to redeem all of us. This often forgotten message, learned by Moses when he, the chosen one of God, had to bear with such criticism and condemnation from the people, is still being learned today by bishops, priests, parents, politicians, managers, and all those in authority position.

Let us pray that we may come to understand Jesus' way that is to live lives of service: service of God and service of neighbour, and make use of our power to bring healing and reconciling to others.

### **Catechism of the Catholic Church**

2235 Those who exercise authority should do so as a service. "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant." The exercise of authority is measured morally in terms of its divine origin, its reasonable nature and its specific object. No one can command or establish what is contrary to the dignity of persons and the natural law.

**When God takes something from your grasp,  
He is not punishing you,  
But merely opening your hands  
To receive something better.**

## NSW Restrictions for Churches due to Covid-19

Places of worship are now only allowed to have one person per the 4m<sup>2</sup> rule.

### PLEASE NOTE:

- **Masks are now compulsory**, unless you are exempt to wear them.
- You need to be double vaccinated to attend.
- 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.



**MAJELLAN DAY**  
ONLINE FAMILY LITURGY

LITURGY, LIVE MUSIC, FAMILY BLESSINGS  
AND MUCH MORE TO CELEBRATE OUR  
ANNUAL MAJELLAN DAY

Prayer's and intentions sent to [office@majellan.org.au](mailto:office@majellan.org.au) will  
be blessed during the liturgy.

LIVE ON FACEBOOK SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 16TH FROM 11:00AM

[majellan.media](http://majellan.media)

Fr Sam Kono CSsR

### Applications for Sumner House 2022 are still OPEN!

The Sumner House program runs for 12 months and incorporates the four pillars of Intellectual, Spiritual, Pastoral and Human formation. It will provide you with many unique and profound shared experiences with 9 other men who will journey together in discovering what the Lord wants of you.

"Whether you are already on the cusp of an important vocational decision, perhaps the seminary or engagement, or just looking to begin discerning in a more intentional way, Sumner House may be a good start" - Fr. Daniele Russo (Sumner House Chaplain & Assistant Director of Vocations)

If you are interested in applying, please visit the Sumner House website [here](#).

Parishes are asked to share [this social tile](#) to promote the

### Mass marking the Centenary of the Death of Servant of God Eileen O'Connor

Sunday 17 October, 10:30am

St Mary's Cathedral

Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

Due to COVID restrictions, the Mass will be livestreamed on the St Mary's Cathedral You Tube channel [here](#).

This Mass concludes this year's Centenary celebrations. Archbishop Fisher will launch the Friends of Eileen O'Connor Association, aimed at raising greater awareness of her cause for canonisation. You can join the association online here: <https://eileenconnor.com.au/friends-of-eileen-oconnor-association>

The Mass also marks the beginning of the Synod of Bishops called by Pope Francis to be celebrated in each of the local churches. We continue to implore God's grace and guidance upon the Catholic Church in Australia and ask the Lord to raise up more Saints in our land.



#### 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.

### 2021/2022 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new Planned Giving Envelopes commencing 3 July 2021 are now available outside the church. **Please ensure you pick up your correct envelopes by checking both your name and address and discard all envelopes from previous years.**

Contributions received from Planned Giving are the major source of income for the running expenses of the Parish. For example, running the office, Secretary's wages, expenses of pastoral initiatives, building and maintenance of the parish facilities, etc. Paying for the CWF deficit and insurance are also big expenses. I urge you to consider your support to our parish by joining **Planned Giving** either through weekly envelope giving or monthly **Credit Card** deductions, or consider increasing your current donations. One-off donations are also well received.

I offer my sincere thanks to everyone for your generosity in giving faithfully to the planned giving and other collections in the parish. Your generosity is inspiring and it allows us to plan and budget for the future of the parish. A special thanks to the Finance Committee members for your expertise and commitment. Once again I thank you for your generosity.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr Dominic

Ps. Tax receipts for the end of this financial year will be available in July.





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



**CONFIRMATION** will be held on **Tuesday 7th, Thursday 9th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th December at 7:00pm** in the Church.

**Enrolments** will be held in the Parish Hall on the following days and times:

**Saturday 30th October 4:30pm-5:15pm and 6:15pm-7:00pm**  
**Sunday 31st October 9:00am - 11:30am**

A completed enrolment form, **a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate and \$20.00 are required to successfully enrol.**

Classes will be over 4 weeks in November on a Tuesday evening, Wednesday afternoon or Thursday afternoon.

Any enquiries please contact Linda Barilla on 0409 914 083.



### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held in Term One 2022. Please watch this space for more details. Any questions please call Tamara on 0424 166 248.

### MASS UPDATE

**All weekend Masses** will be back to normal next weekend and the Saturday 5:30pm Mass will be livestreamed for those who cannot attend.

**Weekday Masses** will not resume until the 25th October.

Please ensure you comply with the all Government Regulations regarding vaccinations before attending Masses.

*This is the link to the **Vinnies Metropolitan Schools and Youth Term 4 2021 Newsletter:***

[bit.ly/VinniesSchoolYouthNewsTerm42021](http://bit.ly/VinniesSchoolYouthNewsTerm42021)

*The 2021 edition of the **Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP)** for students in Years 4 – 6 is available for those who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. For more information please go to <https://bit.ly/VinniesMVFP>*

**catholic mission** Catholic Mission is seeking applications for a **Donor Relations Officer** role. Full-time or Part-time, the role is based in North Sydney in NSW and incorporates supporting Catholic Dioceses in NSW & ACT. This is an exceptional opportunity to join the international mission agency of the Catholic Church in Australia, which supports children, communities and church leader both in Australia and overseas. For more information, please visit <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/jobs-at-catholic-mission>

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



**Sick:** Bishop Bill WRIGHT, Judy DIVANI, Orlando DAYOAN, Joe OLIVERI, Bozana VUKOV, Lachlan BENSON, Gino BORG, Gung Jec MENG, Thip SAKOUNKHU, Cindy CALDEJON, Julia CEFAL, Melda MIZZI, Rita SHAH, Virgilio MARIANO, Kristian SERIC, Gary LOMAS, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Giuseppina LETTIERI

**Recently Deceased:** Elena BALDI, Flor OSOTIO

**Anniversary:** Cesar LAI, Joseph LAY, Deodata LAY, Annabel LIE, Doug ANDERSON, Antonia Da RIN, Francesco TRIMBOLI

**Other:** Michael GRIMA, Marion FENECH, Jimmy FENECH and Maryann FENECH



### Marriage Enrichment Weekend

*We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best*

*life in love!*

**Come and join us on October 22-24, 2021 for a Virtual Marriage Encounter Weekend via Zoom. Open to married couples, priests & religious.**

**Book online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or [nsbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nsbookings@wwme.org.au)**

## Feasts of the Week



**St Luke** was born in Syria and trained as a physician. He was also one of the most extensive writers of the New Testament. In addition to his gospels, he also wrote the 'Acts of the Apostles.' He was one of 'the seventy' and worked with St Paul, travelling to Rome and converting Jews and pagans to Christianity. He was also with Paul during several of his confinements. Luke is also credited with being a prolific painter, creating many works of Mary and Jesus. He died at age 84 in Boeotia. **Feast Day: October 18**



### St John Paul II

Karol J. Wojtyla, known as John Paul II since his October 1978 election to the papacy, was born in Wadowice, a small city 50 kilometres from Cracow, on May 18, 1920. He was the second of two sons born to Karol Wojtyla and Emilia Kaczorowska. His mother died in 1929. His eldest brother Edmund, a doctor, died in 1932 and his father, a non-commissioned army officer died in 1941. He served as Pope and sovereign of the Vatican City State from 1978 to 2005. He is recognised as helping to end Communist rule in his native Poland and eventually all of Europe. John Paul II significantly improved the Catholic Church's relations with Judaism, Islam, and the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Anglican Communion. He upheld the Church's teachings on such matter as artificial contraception and the ordination of women, but also supported the Church's Second Vatican Council and its reforms. He was one of the most travelled world leaders in history, visiting 129 countries during his pontificate. As part of his special emphasis on the universal call to holiness, he beatified 1,340 people and canonised 483 saints, more than the combined tally of his predecessors during the preceding five centuries. John Paul II was the second longest-serving pope in modern history after Pope Pius IX (1846-1878). He was the first non-Italian pope since the Dutch Pope Adrian VI (1522-1523). He died on 2nd April, 2005. John Paul II's cause for canonisation commenced one month after his death with the traditional five year waiting period waived. His feast day is celebrated on the anniversary of his papal inauguration.

**Feast day: October 22**



### St John Capistrano

St. John was born at Capistrano, Italy in 1385, the son of a former German knight in that city. He studied law at the University of Perugia and practiced as a lawyer in the courts of Naples. King Ladislas of Naples appointed him governor of Perugia. During a war with a neighbouring town he was betrayed and imprisoned. Upon his release he entered the Franciscan community at Perugia in 1416. He and St. James of the March were fellow students under St. Bernardine of Siena, who inspired him to institute the devotion to the holy Name of Jesus and His Mother. John began his brilliant preaching apostolate with a deacon in 1420. After his ordination he travelled throughout Italy, Germany, Bohemia, Austria, Hungary, Poland and Russia preaching penance and establishing numerous communities of Franciscan renewal. When Mohammed II was threatening Vienna and Rome, St. John, at the age of seventy, was commissioned by Pope Callistus III to preach and lead a crusade against the invading Turks. Marching at the head of seventy thousand Christians, he gained victory in the great battle of Belgrade against the Turks in 1456. Three months later he died at Illok, Hungary.

**Feast Day: October 23**

## 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: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year B)

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

## Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ I exercise "lording it over" others when.....
- ♦ Jesus' teaching to be "slave of all" requires of me.....
- ♦ Instead of places of honour Jesus offers me.....

## First reading

Isaiah 53:10-11

### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement,  
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life  
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over,  
he shall see the light and be content.  
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,  
taking their faults on himself.

### The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

32:4-5, 18-20, 22

**Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

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.

**Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

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.

**Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

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.

**Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

## Second reading

Hebrews 4:14-16

### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

### The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

Mark 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for all.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

### The Gospel of the Lord

