



John the Baptist Catholic Parish

Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights

(incorporating Bonnyrigg Heights, Green Valley, Edensor Park, Abbotsbury, Cecil Hills & Elizabeth Hills)



Parish Pastoral Centre:
45 Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights, 2177

Parish Priest: Rev Fr Dominic Dinh
Email: pp@johnthebaptist.org.au
Emergency: 0423 420 639

Office: 9823 2572
Email: info@johnthebaptist.org.au
Website: www.johnthebaptist.org.au

Office Hours: Tue- Fri 9.00am to 4pm
Parish Secretary: Leanne Lang
Bookkeeper: Yvonne Smolinski

MASSES THIS WEEK

PSALTER WEEK 1

Monday - No Mass
*St Albert the Great, bishop,
doctor*

Tuesday - 8:00am
*St Margaret of Scotland
St Gertrude, virgin*

Wednesday - 7:00pm
*St Elizabeth of Hungary,
religious*

Thursday - 9:00am
*The Dedication of the
Basilicas of Sts Peter and
Paul, apostles*

Friday - 9:00am
Saturday - 9:00am

NEXT SUNDAY

20/21 NOVEMBER

*(Our Lord Jesus Christ, King
of the Universe Year B)*

Saturday Vigil Mass:
5:30pm

Sunday Masses:
8:00am, 10:00am & 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
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**

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 13th & 14th November, 2021

The Word of God

The owner of a large business bought a number of signs reading “**DO IT NOW!**” and had them hung around his office, hoping to inspire his employees with promptness and energy in their work. One day soon afterward, a friend asked him how the sign had affected his staff. “*Well, not the way I expected,*” the business man answered, “*The bursar skipped with \$100,000; the supervisor ran away with my private secretary; and all the staff asked for a raise.*”

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to read and interpret the ‘signs’ and the ‘end of time’. The matter of the end for each of us and the ‘end’ of the world itself is one that is often mentioned in the Bible. In our Christian understanding the ‘end of time’ had been anticipated in the death and resurrection of Jesus. In Jesus, our salvation has already been achieved but we are not yet fully enjoying it. Mark underlines the passion of Jesus Christ who is proclaimed as the Son of God not so much for his authority and miraculous power but for his obedience to the will of God. The followers of Christ bear witness to their faith by continuing Jesus’ mission. It is by remaining faithful to the end that they will be saved and fully rejoiced.

Furthermore, the message of Jesus is not the disaster that happens but the new life that begins. Jesus talked about the coming reign of God. Mark's writing aims not to strike fear into people but rather to inspire them with hope. He points to the fig tree: in winter it sheds off its branches and looks dead. But when winter is past: “*Its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out.*” Jesus’ message is one of hope to be found in the world as it is. It is a message that tells us that God is journeying with us in the trials and difficulties of life, and that His word is ever present to shine the light of hope on our paths. By contemplating on Jesus’ word we certainly find joy, strength and hope even when we have to face the challenges and problems in our daily life because we know that “*heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.*”

Let us pray that Jesus’ words will continue to inspire us, guide us, and give us hope and comfort, as we continue to live our faith and carry on Jesus’ mission in our daily life.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

1048 ‘We know neither the moment of the consummation of the earth and of man, nor the way in which the universe will be transformed. The form of this world, distorted by sin, is passing away, and we are taught that God is preparing a new dwelling and a new earth in which righteousness dwells, in which happiness will fill and surpass all the desires of peace arising in the hearts of men.’

Death is a challenge.

It tells us not to waste time...

It tells us to tell each other right now that we love each other.

Leo Buscaglia

NSW Restrictions for Churches due to Covid-19

Places of worship are now allowed to have one person per the 2m² except if they are from the same household.

PLEASE NOTE:

- **Masks are now compulsory**, unless you are exempt to wear them.
- **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.**



CWF Parish Appeal

The **next Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal** will be held next weekend. Your generous donations will help those most vulnerable in Sydney, with crisis pregnancy support, telecare counselling, support for the deaf and hard of hearing, pastoral support for our Aboriginal communities, and care for children needing foster care, among many other things.

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

MASS UPDATE

All weekend and weekday Masses are back to normal.

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



Condolences Our condolences are extended to Diana, Lucy, Rocco and Julia Oliveri and extended family on the loss of Joe Oliveri. Please keep the family in your prayers.



Christmas Carols

IN THE AUDITORIUM



A magical Christmas even hosted by Adam Scicluna with special guests Michael Montgomery, Belinda Marks & The Clancy Catholic College Singers with the Joseph Macri Band.

Visit from **Santa** and lucky door **prizes** to give away!

Sunday 5th December 2021
7pm

Tickets
\$5

Double vaccination **required** for people over 16yrs.
Tickets available from the rear foyer or on liverpoolcatholic.com.au from 10/11/21
For more information call 8784 4878 or email infor@liverpoolcatholic.com.au



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.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

265. What place does Confirmation have in the divine plan of salvation?

In the Old Testament the prophets announced that the Spirit of the Lord would rest on the awaited Messiah and on the entire messianic people. The whole life and mission of Jesus were carried out in total communion with the Holy Spirit. The apostles received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and proclaimed the great works of God” (Acts 2:11). They gave the gift of the same Spirit to the newly baptised by the laying on of hands. Down through the centuries, the Church as continued to live by the Spirit and to impart him to her children.

266. Why is this sacrament called *Chrismation* or *Confirmation*?

It is called *Chrismation* (in the Eastern Churches: Anointing with holy myron or chrism) because the essential rite of the sacrament is anointing with chrism. It is called *Confirmation* because it confirms and strengthens baptismal grace.

267. What is the essential rite of Confirmation?

The essential rite of Confirmation is the anointing with Sacred Chrism (oil mixed with balsam and consecrated by the bishop), which is done by the laying on of the hand of the minister who pronounces the sacramental words proper to the rite. In the West this anointing is done on the forehead of the baptised with the words, “Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit”. In the Eastern Churches of the Byzantine rite this anointing is also done on other parts of the body with the words, “The seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit”.



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



We congratulate the families of Amelia YOUNG, Adriana ODISHO and Elijah LAMB who will be baptised here this weekend.



CONFIRMATION will be held on **Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th December at 7:00pm** in the Church.

Enrolments have now ceased.

Any enquiries please contact Linda Barilla on 0409 914 083.

Note: Due to the nature of the current climate of Covid, meetings and Sacrament Masses may need to change. You will be notified if this is the case.



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.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOS

The First Holy Communion Photos will be available for collection this **Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th November in the Parish Meeting Room from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.**

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: For those Parishioners who have not collected their Planned Giving Envelopes from the Church they are now be available for collection from the Parish office during office hours. Thank you

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

The new roster is now available for collection.



Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal 2021

On behalf of this parish, we thank you for supporting **Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal**. Through your gift, we are able to continue in our mission to provide care for our growing number of sick and retired priests in the Archdiocese of Sydney. If you missed the special collection you can still donate visit www.ourfaithourworks.org/prf or scan the QR Code.



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

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

Recently Deceased: Joe OLIVERI, Felixberta RIVERA, Romeo MENDOZA, Sylvia BALTAZAR,

Anniversary: Reg McANDREW, Mercedes DEL VALLE CHIU, Leah FERNANDEZ

Other: Dargolo LAURICELLA, Milan DRENOVAC, Arcadio NAPULI, Maria NAPULI, Michael GRIMA, Marion FENECH, Jimmy FENECH and Maryann FENECH, Thanksgiving for favours received to St. Anthony and St Jude



Feasts of the Week



St Albert the Great

Albert was born in Swabia - a region that now contains Stuttgart, Germany around 1200. He studied at the Universities of Padua and Paris, which then was the intellectual centre of western Europe. He joined the Dominican Order and became the first German Dominican friar to receive a master of theology degree.

Albert became one of the great scholars of his age. He led the way introducing the writings of Aristotle to Western thought. He pioneered the use of the inductive method of reasoning. Albert was also a renowned scholar and researcher in natural sciences studying animals, bird, insects, plants and minerals. His 40 volumes of writings served as an encyclopedia of human knowledge at the time in physics, geography, astronomy, mineralogy, chemistry, biology, mathematics, scripture, philosophy and theology. His contemporaries called him "Albert the Great" ("Albertus Magnus") and "universal doctor". Thomas Aquinas was his pupil in Cologne, who would also become a doctor of the Church and a saint. Albert preached throughout the German and Bohemian regions, becoming one of the most famous preachers of western Europe. In 1256, he became papal theologian in Rome. Many of his writings focused on Mary, Mother of Jesus. He died in 1280. In 1931, Pope Pius XI proclaimed him a saint and doctor of the church. In 1941, Pope Pius XII proclaimed him patron saint of all natural scientists.

Feast Day: November 15



St Margaret of Scotland, or Margaret of Wessex, was an English princess born in Hungary to Princess Agatha of Hungary and English Prince Edward the Exile around 1045. Margaret's family

fled from William the Conqueror after his victory at the Battle of Hastings in 1066. Her widowed mother set out to take her children north to Northumbria. She married King Malcom and became Queen. She was well-known for her deep life of prayer and piety. She had new churches built and she promoted the arts and education in Scotland. She encouraged Church synods and was involved in efforts to correct the religious abuses involving Bishops, priests and laypeople. Her impact in Scotland led her to being referred to as, "The Pearl of Scotland." Margaret passed away four days after her husband, on November 16, 1093. In 1250, Pope Innocent IV canonized Margaret as a Saint, acknowledging her life of holiness and extraordinary virtue. She was honoured for her work for reform of the Church and her personal holiness. **Feast Day: November 16**



St Gertrude was born in Eiselben in Saxony. At the age of 5, she was placed in the care of the Benedictine Nuns and later became a nun in the same order. She enjoyed a good education and wrote and composed in Latin. She died in 1302. **Feast Day: November 16**



St Elizabeth of Hungary was born in Hungary in 1207. The daughter of the King of Hungary. Elizabeth chose a life of penance and asceticism when a life of leisure and luxury could easily have been hers. This choice endeared her in the hearts of the common people throughout Europe. At the age of 14, she married

Louis of Thuringia, whom she deeply loved. They had three children. Under the spiritual direction of a Franciscan friar, she led a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor and sick. Seeking to become one with the poor, she wore simple clothing. Daily she would take bread to hundreds of the poorest in the land who came to her gate. After six years of marriage, her husband died in the Crusades, and Elizabeth was grief-stricken. Her husband's family looked upon her as squandering the royal purse, and mistreated her, finally throwing her out of the palace. The return of her husband's allies from the Crusades resulted in her being reinstated, since her son was legal heir to the throne. In 1228, Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order, spending the remaining few years of her life caring for the poor in a hospital which she founded in honour of St Francis of Assisi. Elizabeth's health declined, and she died before her 24th birthday in 1231. Her great popularity resulted in her canonization four years later. **Feast Day: November 17**

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
Altar Servers - Fr Dominic

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:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - (Year B)

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14
Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8
Gospel: John 18:33-37

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ Christ's Second Coming is something I fear when.....
- ♦ Christ's Second Coming is something for which I long when.....
- ♦ Remaining vigilant until Christ comes means to me.....

First reading

Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from the prophet Daniel

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

5:5, 8-11

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Second reading

Hebrews 10:11-14

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 13:24-32

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said, 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord

