



# 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 2

**Monday - No Mass**  
*Sts Cyril, monk and*  
*Mthodius, bishop*  
**Tuesday - 8:00am**  
**Wednesday - 7:00pm**  
**Thursday - 9:00am**  
**Friday - 9:00am**  
**Saturday - 9:00am**

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**19/20 February**

**(7th Sunday in Ordinary**  
**Time Year C)**

**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**

## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 12th & 13th February, 2022

### LET GOD RESPOND TO OUR NEEDS

A multi millionaire died after a massive heart attack, during his extravagant funeral service a question was asked: *"How much did he leave behind?"* *"Everything!"* "And look at his hands, both are emptied, he brings with him nothing." A man is murmuring to himself.

In the Gospels we generally have a biased balance. We have parables that urge us to provide for the future, to plant and to reap, and to use the talents that we have been given. This weekend we are told in the Beatitudes of Saint Luke *"How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God."* Another translation says, *"Blessed are those who know their need for God."* This first of the Beatitudes is very much disputed. What Jesus meant by this kind of poverty is not always easy for us to grasp. The reason for the difficulty, however, lies not in our intelligence or in the cleverness of our scholarship. The difficult lies in our pride. There is a say 'you are what you have'. We often identify who we are through what we owned (material things, titles, power etc.) we get so attached to these that is why it hurts so much when we lost them. The Beatitudes raised an awareness of detachment from all that controlling our lives and our relationship with God, and entrust our needs to God's providence.

What does it mean then to be poor? Money-poor persons know that they do not have enough. When they turn inward they know that of themselves they aren't enough. Poor persons need and know they need. They need love. They need sharing. They need guidance. They need peace. They need a sense of direction and inner growth. They know they need these things. They are willing to see their needs imply change. That can make them uneasy because of their pride. But if they turn and trust in God who will fulfil and respond to their needs then God's reign is established in their living. Therefore they are no longer what they have but who they are 'precious in the eyes of God who will provide their needs.

Let us pray that we will be eager in exchanging our pride for open-handed dependency, so that God can direct our everyday lives.

### The Catechism of the Catholic Church

1723 The Beatitude we are promised confronts us with decisive moral choices. It invites us to purify our hearts of bad instincts and to seek the love of God above all else. It teaches us that true happiness is not found in richness or well-being, in human fame or power, or in any human achievement - however beneficial it may be - such as science, technology or art, or indeed in any creature, but in God alone, the source of every good and of all love.'

### Bible Trivia

1. What event does the Jewish Passover recall and celebrate?
2. Which three gospels imply that the Last Supper of Jesus was a Passover Meal?



## NSW Restrictions for Churches due to Covid-19

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



### You are invited

Ascension prayer community will meet again face to face on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> of February**. Meeting begins at 7.15pm in the Parish hall or meeting room.

Our meetings are fortnightly and begins with an evening of Praise and worship, teaching/Scripture reflections; and group discussions followed by fellowship.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March we will begin our Lenten Program using Catholic diocese of Wollongong booklets.

For further details contact Susan 0415 342 672, 02 9607 5137



### The JB Men's Group invites you to our February Men's Group Meeting

**Saturday 19th February in the Church at 8:30am**

**Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Terry Brady followed by breakfast and a talk from Peter Holmes: Life, Is it what you expected?**



Tickets to the talk and breakfast are \$20 and can be purchased from <https://www.trybooking.com/BWOIX>

Together we empower each other to become Christ-like role models in our families and community.

To join the men's group or to find out more, email [jbmensgroup@gmail.com](mailto:jbmensgroup@gmail.com) or call/SMS Daniel on 4111 254 520.

### Schools and Youth Engagement Team at the St Vincent de Paul Society

- **This is the link to the Vinnies Metropolitan Schools and Youth Term 1 2022 Newsletter:** <https://bit.ly/Term1-2022-Vinnies-Metro-News>
- **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. The Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP) will nurture students, who undertake the program, to be a light in the world, inspired by the spirit of Blessed Frederic Ozanam and Gospel values. For more information please visit <https://bit.ly/VinniesMVFP>**

## Feasts of the Week



### Sts Cyril and Methodius

Cyril and Methodius, the apostles of the Slavs, were brothers who hailed from Thessalonica. After receiving an excellent education, they were sent by the Eastern Emperor Michael III (842-856) into the kingdom of Grand-Moravia; through great effort and in spite of tremendous difficulties they converted the Slavonic nations. They translated the Bible into Slavonic and devised a kind of

writing called glagolitic, which even to the present day is used in the liturgical services of some Eastern rites.

In 867 the two brothers came to Rome, were met by Pope Hadrian II (867-872) and the whole papal court. They gave a report of their labours but encountered opposition on the part of jealous clergy who took offense, it was said, because of their liturgical innovations. Cyril and Methodius explained their methods and from the Pope himself received episcopal consecration (868). Soon after, Cyril died at Rome, only forty-two years old, and was buried in St. Peter's; later his body was transferred to San Clemente, where his remains still rest. His funeral resembled a triumphal procession.

Methodius returned to Moravia and laboured as a missionary among the Hungarians, Bulgarians, Dalmatians, and the inhabitants of Carinthia. Falling again under suspicion, he returned to Rome and defended the use of the Slavonic language in the liturgy. The Pope bestowed upon him the dignity of archbishop. After his return to Moravia, he converted the duke of Bohemia and his wife, spread the light of faith in Bohemia and Poland, is said to have gone to Moscow (after the erection of the See of Lemberg), and to have established the diocese of Kiev. After his return he died in Bohemia and was buried in the Church of St. Mary at Velehrad, the services being conducted in Greek, Slavonic, and Latin.

**Feast Day February 14**



### 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.



### Mission Opportunities Overseas.

Palms Australia

*Supporting Sustainable International Development Love*

Getting involved in people centred Human Development as an invited guest means humbly putting your person and your skills at the disposal of your trusted hosts. You will be a stranger in the place and for six months a Pilgrim learning the wisdom of local ways.

Palms Australia has 60 years of experience preparing and assisting Australians to learn and pass on their skills in another culture. Is one of [our assignments](#) your opportunity to Reach Beyond?

**Find Out More:** [Enquire Here](#) or Phone: 0422 742 567. Join our [online forum](#) at 5.30pm AEDT on Thursday 17 March, attend and engage with a panel of Palms most experienced Program Participants.



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



We congratulate the family of Ariana RAMIREZ-TEXEIRA who will be baptised here this weekend.

**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



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ENROLMENT 2022

All children who are Baptised and in grade Year 4 or above are welcome to enrol in the Sacrament of Reconciliation Program. Unfortunately due to covid the information evening on **Thursday 17th February has been cancelled.** To enrol your child please scan the QR Code or visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BXAJG> and complete the enrolment form by 9 February 2022.



Further information will be available on our website and in the parish bulletin or by contacting Tamara on 0418 844 645.

## CATECHIST NEWS:

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

We had a wonderful recruiting drive and were blessed with 4 new helpers who will start their Level One training on the 21<sup>st</sup> February. But we are still in need of **10** catechists to teach the classes. Please check the table to see if you might be available.

School	Day	Time of lesson	Catechist needed
Governor Phillip King Edensor Park Coordinator: Connie Dif 0413 694 007	Tuesdays	9:00am - 9:30am 9:30am - 10:00 am 10:00am - 10:30am	Kindy, Year 1 Year 3 Year 5 Year 6
Bonnyrigg Heights Primary Coordinator: Nina Laureti 0408 465 149	Wednesdays	12:05pm - 12:35pm	Year 2
Cecil Hills Primary Coordinator: Vicky Scutella 0447 310 204	Wednesdays	8:50am - 9:20am	Kindy
Edensor Park Primary Coordinator: Nina Laureti 0408 465 149	Wednesdays	9:00am - 9:30 am	Kindy Year 3 Year 6 Term 1 Only
Green Valley Primary Coordinator: Louise Pace	Wednesdays	2:00pm- 2:30pm	Year 4

**Catechist Opening Mass and Meeting will be on Wednesday 23 Feb 7pm – please try to attend .**

Do something of eternal significance- be a Catechist or helper! We invite you to join this ministry and our wonderful JB Team . Any enquiries please contact: Nina Laureti 0408 465 149

## Invitation to the live online *Reclaiming Evangelisation* Series with Fr Jacques Philippe

Fr Jacques Philippe, renowned author and speaker on the spiritual life

Wednesday 23 March, 7 – 8:30 PM

'Can we make disciples today? Evangelising with the Holy Spirit'

Please register for these live online events at

[www.gomakedisciples.org.au](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au)

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



**Sick:** Alexander (Sandy) ANDERSON, Jessie ZAMMIT, John DEMICOLI, Loryn Christina COETZEE, Judy DIVANI, Orlando DAYOAN, 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:** Steve KORDIAK, Neville MIRANDA, Carmen YOUNG, Soledad IBARRA, Faustino AGOO Jr, Brian BENTLEY, Ivan VADNAL, Concesa MENDOZA,

**Anniversary:** Courtney TOPIC, Caterina SGRO, Antonio and Nancy COSTA

**Other:** Michael GRIMA, Marion FENECH, Jimmy FENECH and Maryann FENECH, Thanksgiving for favours received to St. Anthony and St Jude

## The Gift of Joy! A Retreat in the Spirit of Taizé

PRESENTER: Brother Matthew (Taizé community, France)

Rest, pray and reflect in community with the songs and prayers from Taizé in the season of Lent. Workshops, group sharing and personal reflection time will be a part of this retreat.

All welcome, with a special invitation to those aged 18-35.

Accommodation, meals and retreat program included in the cost. Discounted rates apply to those aged 18-35 for shared room or BYO tent accommodation.

WHEN: March 11-13, 2022 , 6pm (Fri) - 12:30 pm (Sunday)

WHERE: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW

COST: Retreat Centre accommodation

Triple plus (3 or more guests) and bathroom: \$200.00

Shared room (2 guests) and bathroom: \$270.00

Own room with ensuite: \$300.00

Camping: (BYO tent): \$140.00

Day rates: \$55 (lunch or dinner) \$70 (lunch and dinner)

Register and pay at: [www.mtcarmel.com.au](http://www.mtcarmel.com.au)

## Trivia Answers

1. It recalls the Exodus, the Pasch and it celebrates the deliverance of the Israelites from the slavery of Egypt.
2. The synoptic gospels Matthew, Mark and Luke present the Last Supper that Jesus Christ shared with his disciples as a Passover meal.



## 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 Breden  
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:

### 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year C)

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

## Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ Walking is God's way means to me.....
- ♦ For me the blessedness of walking in God's way is.....
- ♦ For me the woe of not walking in God's way is.....

## First reading

### A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,  
who relies on things of flesh,  
whose heart turns from the Lord.  
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:  
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,  
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,  
a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,  
with the Lord for his hope.  
He is like a tree by the waterside  
that thrusts its roots to the stream:  
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,  
its foliage stays green;  
it has no worries in a year of drought,  
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

## The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

### *Happy are they who hope in the Lord.*

Happy indeed is the man  
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;  
nor lingers in the way of sinners  
nor sits in the company of scorners,  
but whose delight is the law of the Lord  
and who ponders his law day and night.

### *Happy are they who hope in the Lord.*

He is like a tree that is planted  
beside the flowing waters,  
that yields its fruit in due season  
and whose leaves shall never fade;  
and all that he does shall prosper.

### *Happy are they who hope in the Lord.*

Not so are the wicked, not so!  
For they like winnowed chaff  
shall be driven away by the wind.  
for the Lord guards the way of the just  
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

### *Happy are they who hope in the Lord.*

1:1-4

## Second reading

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

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached,  
how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection  
of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not  
been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in  
your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in  
Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this  
life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-  
fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

## The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad;  
your reward is great in heaven.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Luke 6:17, 20-26

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

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of  
level ground where there was a large gathering of his  
disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of  
Judea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of  
Tyre and Sidon Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of  
God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse  
you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son  
of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for  
then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way  
their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you  
are having your consolation  
now.

Alas for you who have your fill now:  
you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you  
shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world  
speaks well of you! This was the  
way their ancestors treated the  
false prophets.'

## The Gospel of the Lord

