



# 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 4

Monday - No Mass  
Tuesday - 8:00am  
Wednesday - 9:00am & 7:00pm  
Ash Wednesday  
Thursday - 9:00am  
Friday - 9:00am  
Autumn Ember Day  
Saturday - 9:00am

## NEXT SUNDAY

5/6 March

(First Sunday of Lent 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

## 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 26th & 27th February, 2022

### Seeing with the eyes of the Spirit

A man visited an audiologist, he complained about his wife who seemed to have problem with hearing, but he just can't convince her to visit an audiologist. "how do I test to see how bad her hearing is?" "Well when you arrive home, just call out from garage if she does not respond then go inside the house call out again, if she does not respond, you come close within 3 meters then you will know how bad her hearing is." The man arrived home, from the garage he could smell some beautiful cooking from the kitchen he called out "Honey, what's for dinner? Hearing no response from the kitchen. He walked into the lounge room and again "Honey, what's for dinner?" Three seconds later, he didn't hear anything. He entered the kitchen, standing 3 meters from his wife, "Honey, what are you cooking for dinner?" "For God sake, this is the third time I said, it's Chicken Schnitzel!" said his wife.

We can be very subjective in seeing or judging others. In the Gospel's Jesus reminds us: "a good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart."

We often see with the eyes of our hearts. We do not see things as they are but as we are. If there is joy and hope in our hearts, we will see joy and hope. If there is anger and hatred in our hearts, we will also see anger and hatred. Sadly, these patterns can be passed on from generation to generation.

Much of how we think, and act are conditioned by the prejudices and experience that we have inherited from our families. Much of what we do is following on the model set for us by our parents or any significant others in our earthly life. If we are living in an environment where people easily burst into anger when they are frustrated, we will probably do the same. Or if we live in a place where people are welcoming and cheerful then we probable act in the same way. It is a well-known fact that the children who are raised by drug addicted parents are the most likely will be drug addicted themselves. We often do to others what was done to us by people who had it done to them. Jesus raises an awareness that we often imprisoned ourselves by our own egotism or past experienced which can blind us from seeing the beauty and wonder in others. As the result we often misjudge others.

Let us pray that we can be free from the prejudices which distort our perceptions of reality so that we can rejoice in the wonder and beauty of God's creations.



## ASH WEDNESDAY

**Mass: 9am and 7pm**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18th year, until the beginning of their 60th year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their 14th year. (CCL 97, 1251f)

## 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. QR Code available.

## John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

Kindergarten 2023 enrolments commence Monday 7th March 2022

From this date, Sydney Catholic Schools invites new and existing families seeking enrolment for their Kindergarten child or other grade, to **submit an application online via our school website:**

<https://www.jbbonnyrigg.catholic.edu.au/> You may do this by simply selecting the 'Enrol Now' button. Open Day Guided Tours for **new families** will be held on Wednesday 9th March as detailed below.

Please share these details with any friends and family who are wanting to join our wonderful community in 2023. **Bookings for the limited Open Day Guided Tours can be made via TryBooking link:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BXENH>



### OPEN DAY

**Wednesday 9 March 2022 . 4pm-7pm**

**Register for school tours via: [www.trybooking.com/BXENH](https://www.trybooking.com/BXENH)**

[jbbonnyrigg.catholic.edu.au](https://www.jbbonnyrigg.catholic.edu.au)



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### ENROLMENT OPEN EVENING

**Year 7, 2024**

**Wednesday 16th March, 2022**

An invitation is extended to Grade 5 Students and one parent to an Open Evening on Wednesday 16th March.

A tour of the College will commence at 4pm every 1/2 hour until 8pm (**Bookings Essential**) on 9823 2073.

Enrolment Applications can be collected from the College Office from 4pm on Wednesday 16th March, or completed online.

Siblings of the College may collect an Application form on your behalf.

College website has links to the enrolment form and further details on the school.

Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights. [www.bonnyrigg.catholic.edu.au](https://www.bonnyrigg.catholic.edu.au)



### JB MEN'S GROUP

The JB Men's Group met last Saturday for breakfast and 28 men were in attendance. Mass was celebrated by Bishop Terry Brady and Peter Holmes was a guest speaker. The morning was a chance for men to meet and pray together and to share their

stories. The morning was a huge success.

To join the men's group or to find out more, email [jbmensgroup@gmail.com](mailto:jbmensgroup@gmail.com) or call/SMS Daniel on 0411 254 520.



## Feasts of the Week



### Autumn Ember Day: March 4

Ember days have been kept in the Roman Church since the fifth century, and mark the beginning of each of the four seasons. Vatican Council II retained ember days in principle, but left it to

bishops conferences to determine the extent and form of their observance. (The name 'ember' is similar in derivation to the German Quatember, 'quarter day'; the Irish used to speak of Quarter Tense.) The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has now decided that the Australian Church should observe the first Fridays of Autumn and Spring (March and September) as special days of prayer and penance.

On rogation and ember days the practice of the Church is to offer prayers to the Lord for the needs of all people, especially for the productivity of the earth and for human labour, and to give God public thanks (GNLYC 45).



### 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.

### 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)

### LENT 2022 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed!

For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent22>

Call 1300 734 880 for more info





**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 Cayson VELLA and Lincoln MUSICO who will be baptised here this weekend.



### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ENROLMENT 2022

All children who are Baptised and in grade Year 4 or above should have enrolled in the Sacrament of Reconciliation Program.

For those who have enrolled in the program, if you have not yet been informed as to what group your child has been placed in and the day and time your lessons will commence could you please contact Tamara on 0418 844 645.



### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held during Lent commencing Friday 4th March at 7.00pm in the Church. On Friday 4th March and Friday 1st April (First Friday of the month) Stations will be held at 6:00pm.



### Mercy and Healing Await COME BACK TO ME Lenten Companion 2022

Parishioners please take home a copy of the Lenten Book to read and pray at home with your family, children and friends. You are also welcome to form your own Lenten Group.



### Ash Wednesday Mass times

9:00am and 7:00pm



### FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18<sup>th</sup> year, until the beginning of their 60<sup>th</sup> year; the law of abstinence (from items made with meat - includes all the Fridays of Lent) binds those who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> year (CCL 97, 1251-52).



### Project Compassion Sunday 26th and 27th February



Please take home a Project

Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all.

As St Pope John Paul II said,

**"The future starts today, not tomorrow."**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.



### 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<br>Edensor Park<br>Coordinator: Connie Dif<br>0413 694 007 | Tuesdays   | 9:00am - 9:30am<br>9:30am - 10:00 am<br>10:00am - 10:30am | Year 1<br>Year 3<br>Year 6 |
| Cecil Hills Primary<br>Coordinator: Vicky Scutella<br>0447 310 204               | Wednesdays | 8:50am - 9:20am   | Kindy                      |
| Edensor Park Primary<br>Coordinator: Nina Laureti<br>0408 465 149                | Wednesdays | 9:00am - 9:30 am  | Year 3                     |
| Green Valley Primary<br>Coordinator: Louise Pace                                 | Wednesdays | 2:00pm - 2:30pm   | Year 4                     |

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 on 0408 465 149.



**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

### 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: Ferdinando BARILLA, Steve KORDIAK, Neville MIRANDA

Anniversary: Col PURCELL, Francesca GULLO

Other: Michael GRIMA, Marion FENECH, Jimmy FENECH and Maryann FENECH, Thanksgiving, Thanksgiving for favours received to 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  
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:

### First Sunday of Lent - (Year C)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

## Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ Do you think it is genuinely possible to live as Jesus calls us in this gospel passage?.....
- ♦ In your life, what would it mean to lend (or give) 'without any hope of return'?.....
- ♦ What does it mean to be truly compassionate?.....

## First reading

**Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7**

### A reading from the first book of Ecclesiasticus

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,  
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.  
The kiln tests the work of the potter,  
the test of a man is in his conversation.  
The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,  
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.  
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,  
since this is the test of men.

### The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

**91:2-3, 13-16**

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

The just will flourish like the palm tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

## Second reading

**1 Corinthians 15:54-58**

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

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: *Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?* Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

### The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

**Philippians 2:15-16**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

**Luke 6:39-45**

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

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

### The Gospel of the Lord

