



# 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  
Tuesday - 8:00am  
Wednesday - 7:00pm  
Thursday - 9:00am  
Friday - 9:00am  
Saturday - 9:00am

### NEXT SUNDAY

9/10 APRIL

(Palm Sunday of the Passion  
of the Lord 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

## Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C) 2nd & 3rd April, 2022

### JUDGEMENT

Once, a state inspector at a small school heard a lot of noise in the next classroom. In haste and anger, he threw open the door, grabbed one of the older boys who seemed to be doing most of the talking and yelling. He dragged that particular older boy into the hall, stood high in the corner and said, *"Now shut up and don't you move!"* A few moments later, a group of children caught up with the impatient inspector at the end of the hall and asked, *"Please, sir, may we have our teacher back?"*

In the Gospel today, we read, *"Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered in the law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?"* The woman was married, because adultery in the laws of Moses was the infidelity of wives, not of husbands or unmarried women. Since the witnesses caught the woman in the very act of intercourse, it is difficult to understand how the man involved escaped. The laws of Moses commanded the death penalty for both (Deut 22:22). Here the Scribes and the Pharisees hope to trap Jesus in an inescapable dilemma of judgement. If he frees the woman, he can be accused of acting against the laws of Moses. If he condemns her, he can be accused of acting against the Roman authorities in Judea and he is also contradicting his teaching of love and forgiveness. Taking his time, *"Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger."* He wants people to at least reflect on their rash judgement and taking attention away from the accused woman.

Furthermore, Jesus knew the simple psychological law that we cannot be better unless we feel better. So how does Jesus make the woman feel better? After writing on the ground he says, *"If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."* We can imagine the woman bracing herself to bear the pain of being stoned. Instead, she hears the plop of the stones that the people surrounding her were holding start dropping to the ground and, beginning with the eldest, they walk away. She feels better. And it is only when she feels better that Jesus tells her to be better, *"Neither do I condemn you. Go your way and don't sin anymore."*

Let us pray that we will avoid rash judgement and fast condemnation toward our neighbours' thoughts, words and deeds. May we be conscious of our own faults and weakness so that we would be more compassionate and understanding towards other people's faults and weakness.

### Catechism of the Catholic Church

2478 To avoid rash judgement, everyone should be careful to interpret insofar as is possible his neighbour's thoughts, words and deeds in a favourable way.

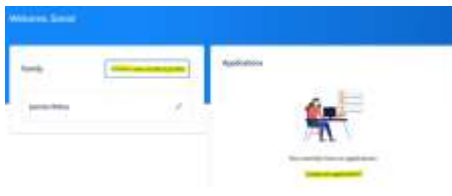




### Kindergarten 2023 enrolments are now open!

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/> or [sydcatholic.schools.nsw.edu.au](https://sydcatholic.schools.nsw.edu.au).**

**You may do this by selecting the 'Enrol Now' button.** For our existing families wishing to enrol a sibling, you will be taken to your child/ren's Compass dashboard where you will find **'Family & Enrolments'** under your settings options. Your screen will appear as per this example below and you begin by selecting **'Create a new student profile'** button on the left of screen. After completing this section and your review, you must continue to finalise your application by selecting the **'Create an application'** to enter your child's enrolment grade, commencement year, your Declaration and finally, conclude with **'Submit'**.



**Should you encounter issues, you may call 9568-8601 or the school office.** Paper applications are also available from the office and any existing family wishing to request an enrolment pack may do so by emailing [info@jbbonnyrigg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@jbbonnyrigg.catholic.edu.au) with your eldest child's name and class and this will be sent home to you.

**Please note, KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS CLOSE 8th APRIL, 2022 and applications are to be submitted by this date.**



### Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal

The escalating violence in Ukraine is rapidly becoming a dire humanitarian crisis. In a matter of days, over half a million people have been forced from their homes and at least 400 civilians have lost their lives.

Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis. **Your urgent support today will help provide critical assistance including emergency shelter, food, clean water, transportation services, and psychological support to people affected by this crisis.**

Donate today at [www.caritas.org.au/ukraine](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine) or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT HOLY THURSDAY 14TH APRIL, 2022



Fr Dominic invites you to come and pray in front of the blessed sacrament during the night of Holy Thursday from 9:00pm to 9:00am.

You are welcome to pray by yourself, with your family or a friend.

We need someone to be present in the church at all times.

If you are interested please place your name against the time you would like to pray on the sheet provided on the noticeboard.

### EASTER MASS TIMES

**Holy Thursday - 7.00pm** continuing with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the night until 9am on Good Friday

**Good Friday - Stations of the Cross - 10.00am.**

The Lord's Passion - 3.00pm

**Saturday Easter Vigil - 7.00pm**

**Easter Sunday - 8.00am, 10.00am, 5.30pm.**

**2nd Rite of Reconciliation - Wednesday 6th April** following Mass at 7:30pm

**Reconciliation** held every Wednesday evening from 7:30pm - 8:30pm and Saturday afternoons from 4:15 to 5:15pm



### 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.freemancatholic.edu.au](http://www.freemancatholic.edu.au)



### Open Day

**Saturday 2nd April 2022  
11am - 1pm**

The Good Samaritan community extends an invitation to prospective parents and students wishing to enrol for Year 7, 2024.

401 Heaton Park Rd, 4thcresbrook NSW 2168  
Phone: 02 9625 9955  
[info@good-samaritan.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@good-samaritan.catholic.edu.au)  
[www.good-samaritan.nsw.edu.au](http://www.good-samaritan.nsw.edu.au)



Journeying with Compassion



### 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 April 22-24, 2022** at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville—a stunning and tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney.

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

**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



### 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.





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



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.



### CHURCH WORKING BEE SATURDAY 2ND APRIL 8AM -1PM

It is time for us to work together to prepare the Church and grounds for Easter .

We need as many people as possible to clean the church and assist with gardening etc .

Please come along with any equipment that you have available .

We will be here from 8am-1pm and would appreciate any support you can give whether it is for the whole morning or just an hour of your day .

If you can assist in any way please contact Grant Dunn on 0409 958 744

(morning tea will be provided to thank all of our volunteers)



### ATTENTION READERS:

The new reader's roster is now available for collection.

### Lector and Acolyte

**Parishioners are encouraged to be involved in different ministries in the church.**

**There will be courses which help parishioners to deepen their knowledge in proclaiming the word God at Mass, taking Communion to the sick, serving at Mass. If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or an Acolyte?**



Please speak to Fr Dominic or call the parish office on 9823 2572.



**RECONCILIATION:** The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be held on Wednesday 6th April at 7:30pm following Mass.



### PARISH MORNING TEAS

After Easter we will be recommencing our Parish morning teas following our 8:00am and 10:00am Masses. We are in need of volunteers to assist with setting up and cleaning up.

If you are interested in helping please call Teresa Vartuli our coordinator on 0413 835 250 and you will be placed on a roster once a month. Thank you.



### 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).



### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross is at 7.00pm in the Church every Friday during Lent, except the 1st Friday.



### Fifth Sunday of Lent 2nd & 3rd April



**Shaniella 23**, grew up in a remote village in the Solomon Islands in a province which has limited educational and job opportunities – and one of the country's highest poverty rates. After leaving school, she decided to move closer to the capital city, Honiara, to study hospitality and tourism. However, her vocational training school was hit by a land-

slide and cyclone in quick succession, destroying its water supply system and the vegetable garden that it relies on for food.

With your generous support, Caritas Australia has helped the school to install water tanks, re-establish its garden and provided training in disaster risk reduction. Shaniella can now complete her job skills training and the school has enough food and water for its students.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities For All Future Generations.**

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.



### The Season of Lent

Lent is the most appropriate time for celebrating the Sacrament of Penance. Already on Ash Wednesday the people of God have heard the solemn invitation, *Turn away from sin and believe the Good News*. It is therefore fitting to have several penitential celebrations during Lent, so that all the faithful may have an opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbour and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts. RP13. The Sacrament of Penance is better celebrated before rather than after the Easter Triduum. **ORDO 2016**

*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, 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: Victor CASSAR, Milka HRVATIN, Charlie GRIMA, Tom YATES, Kel CAMPBELL, Giuseppe OCCHIUTO, Joseph Tri Phuonng MAI, Maria Francesca VERSACE

Anniversary: Maria DEFINA, Carmen Del Valle LIM, Filip VUKASOVIC

Other: Charles & Frances HIGGANS, Charlie SALIBA, Helena & Chester BRODA, Henryka & Vlad KROL, KROL Family, BRODA Family, Michael GRIMA, Marion FENECH, Jimmy FENECH and Maryann FENECH, 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 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:

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - (Year C)

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

## Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ What this gospel teaches me about condemnation is.....
- ♦ What this gospel teaches me about mercy is.....
- ♦ What helps me replace condemning others with mercy for them is.....

## First reading

### A reading from the book of Isaiah

Thus says the Lord,  
who made a way through the sea,  
a path in the great waters;  
who put chariots and horse in the field  
and a powerful army  
which lay there never to rise again,  
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,  
no need to think about what was done before.  
See, I am doing a new deed,  
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?  
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,  
paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me,  
jackals and ostriches,  
because I am putting water in the wilderness  
(rivers in the wild)  
to give my chosen people drink.  
The people I have formed for myself  
will sing my praises.

## The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

**The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs.

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap.

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing;  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves.

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

Isaiah 43:16-21

## Second reading

### A reading a letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

## The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

Luke 15:18

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
With all your heart turn to me,  
for I am tender and compassionate.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## Gospel

John 8:1-11

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

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.'



## The Gospel of the Lord

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