



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

### NEXT SUNDAY

16/17 APRIL

(Second Sunday of Easter  
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

## Sunday of the Resurrection (Year C) 16th & 17th April, 2022

### From Acceptance to Transcendence

Elena Frings, a young woman in her 20s, was informed by her doctor that her heart was so weak that she had only six months to live. She decided to leave her office job in Santiago, Chile, and work as a volunteer community organiser among the city's slum-dwellers. *"That way I will die happy,"* she said to a friend. Ms Frings worked so effectively that she was invited to New York to give talks about the programme. There, she met a surgeon who successfully operated on her defective heart. Elena Frings is now back in South America, helping the poor who live on the margins of society. It was her expectation of death-not the operation that gave new meaning and direction to her life.

If you were given six months to live, what effect would the news have on your life? The way each of us responds to that question is actually our answer to the question, "What is death?"

In the Passion of the Christ we see Jesus face the horrible suffering and death freely and willingly. *"My Father! If it is possible, let this cup pass me by. Nevertheless, let it be as you, not I, would have it."* In accepting the will of his Heavenly Father, Jesus was able eventually to transcend the limits of his humanity and rise from the dead.

In the post resurrection Gospel stories we see Mary Magdalene and the disciples caught up in their sense of grief and failure. Because they want the facts of the case to be other than what they actually are, they cannot recognise the resurrected Jesus. Mary can only assume that the body has been stolen and that the man she meets outside the tomb is the gardener. Whereas, *"the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed."* He accepted the reality of the historical Jesus, and that his former type of relationship with Jesus is dead then he can accept the risen Lord and the new form of relationship with Him.

Easter is about new life that is about acknowledging the reality of the ordinary patterns of our lives, with the hope and joy of resurrection. Let us pray that we will be able to live our life with an open heart and mind to the will of God so that we can recognise the wonder and beauty in us and in others.

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There will be Blessed Water and prayer sheet available in small containers at the Baptismal font. You are welcome to take one for your family to pray, bless your home and family members.

### Catechism of the Catholic Church

641 Mary Magdalene and the holy women who came to finish anointing the body of Jesus, which had been buried in haste because the Sabbath began on the evening of Good Friday, were the first to encounter the Risen One. Thus the women were the first messengers of Christ's resurrection for the apostles themselves. They were the next to whom Jesus appears: first Peter, then the twelve. Peter had been called to strengthen the faith of his brothers, and so see the Risen One before them; it is on the basis of his testimony that the community exclaims: 'The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!'

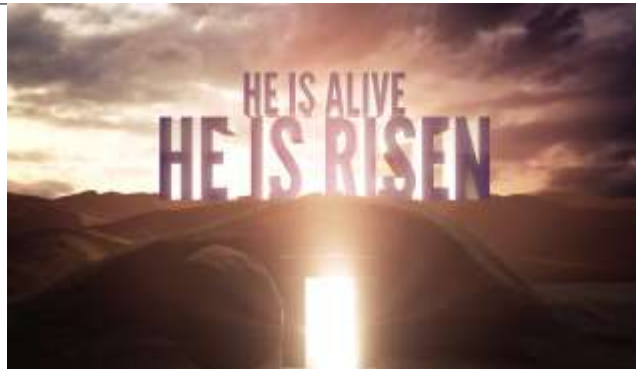
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## The Paschal Candle

Easter is the most important holy day of the Christian calendar. It celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the central event in Christianity. The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. The Paschal Candle is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. The Paschal candle is lit during all baptisms, passing the light of Christ to each person baptized, starting with the Catechumens at the Easter Vigil. The Paschal candle is also used at funerals; a reminder that the sacrament of Baptism is itself a death and resurrection in Christ. And so, it testifies to Christian certainty in the resurrection of the dead and life with Christ in the world to come.



### 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.



### John the Baptist Primary School Kindergarten 2023 Enrolments Applications are now closed.

Please be aware the enrolment period for Kindergarten 2023 has now closed. If you or a family member/friend have a child due to commence Kindergarten in 2023, you can still apply however, the application will be placed on a Waiting List and may be considered if second round offers become available.

Enrolments application may be completed and submitted 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.

Should you encounter issues, you may call 9568-8601.



Smithfield Catholic Club Netball is looking for players who are turning 10 or 12 years of age in 2022. Training is on Wednesday nights at Marconi Netball courts and games are played at Woodward Park Liverpool on Saturday. If you are interested in playing please contact Tracey - Club Secretary on 0411 370 381 or email [sccnetball@hotmail.com](mailto:sccnetball@hotmail.com)

## Easter eggs

Have you ever wondered why people give each other Easter eggs? The answer lies in the symbolism of the egg. The egg represents new life. For Christians, Easter means new life in Christ. So eggs and Easter have a firm connection. For centuries Christians have decorated eggs (hard-boiled!) as a way of celebrating Christ's Resurrection. In more recent times this practice evolved into giving chocolate eggs to family and friends. Unfortunately, the religious symbolism of the egg has largely been forgotten.



### 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.



## First Holy Communion Sacrament Enrolment

Enrolments are open for our Communion Sacrament program please complete the enrolment form at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BYQUZ>

Lessons will begin in the week commencing 9 May 2022.

Children must have received the sacrament of Reconciliation and be in year 4 or above.

Children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on 31 March 2022 are already enrolled and do not need to complete this enrolment form.

If you have any questions please call Tamara on 0424 166 248



## LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC CLUB MEMBERS MASS & LUNCHEON

The 51st Annual Members Mass will be celebrated at All Saints Catholic Church (Cnr Elizabeth Drive and George Street) Liverpool **Sunday 22 May 2022**

Mass will commence at 11:00am

At the conclusion of the Mass as luncheon will be served in the "Grand Ballroom" of the Club followed by entertainment.

Admittance to the luncheon is by ticket only \$45.00 per member - Bookings are essential.

**Tickets will be available from the club at: 10:00am on Tuesday 26 April 2022 - \$45 per person**



## 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.



**Easter Sunday  
17th April**



**Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!**

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion - past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

## Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2022 Lenten appeal.

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.



**He Is Risen  
Aleluia, Aleluia**

*Wishing all our Parishioners  
and Happy and Holy Easter.*

## Catechist News

1) All catechists and helpers are most welcome to attend the **Western Region Mass** on April 20 at Liverpool. All Saints, 11am (Parking available by Elizabeth Street). Lunch will be provided - Pizza food truck.

2) **Training for Level 1.4** is on Monday June 20 and **level 1.5** on Monday 27 June in the Parish Hall, Bonnyrigg from 6 to 9 pm. Registration is necessary.

- <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/catechist-resources/courses-and-registration/>

Enquiries: Nina Laureti 0408465149



## ATTENTION READERS:

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

*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: Rogelio VILLEGAS Jr, Victor CASSAR, Milka HRVATIN, Charlie GRIMA, Tom YATES, Kel CAMPBELL,

Anniversary: Frank JEROMELA, Gaeta PACE, Ruth Elizabeth BEJARANO DE MALDONADO

Other: Antonio & Linda DELLE-VEDOVE, Peter & Maria DUNDOVIC, Giuseppe and Carmelo PETRULLA & Family, Rosaria & Pasquale PETRULLA, Giovanni & Carmela BONARIGGIO & Family, Pasquale & Rosa LETTIERI & Family, Nicola & Antonia VITERALE & Family, Giovanni GOTTARDO, Rafaele CAFASSO, Benito MAZZEO, Franco LUONGO, Milda GAUCI and all the souls in purgatory especially those who have no one to pray for them, Ghazwan KOREAL, Hazem KOREAL, Gazala KOREAL, Hana MANSOR, Saro YONAN, Gardeni HANA, Hani KHOSHABA, Goro KHAMMO, Jihad MANSOR, Varto MANSOR, Margo MANSOR, Charles & Frances HIGGANS, Charlie SALIBA, Michael GRIMA, Marion FENECH, Jimmy FENECH and Maryann FENECH, Thanksgiving for favours received to St. Anthony and St. Jude





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## Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter - (Year C)

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16  
Second Reading: Rev 1:9-13, 17-19  
Gospel: John 20:19-31

## Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ What helps me believe in Jesus' resurrection is.....
- ♦ Some ways I assist others to believe in Jesus' resurrection are.....
- ♦ The good news of the resurrection impacts my daily living in that.....

### First reading

Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

**'We have eaten and drunk with him  
after his resurrection'**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

### The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

***This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.***

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'

***This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.***

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.

***This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.***

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

***This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.***



### Second reading

Colossians 3:1-4

A reading a letter of St Paul to the Colossians

**Look for the things that are in  
heaven, where Christ is**

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

### The Word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, they went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered their eyes. But the two men said to them, 'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day?' And they remembered his words.

When the women returned from the tomb they told all this to the Eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense, and they did not believe them.

Peter, however, went running to the tomb. He bent down and saw the binding cloths but nothing else; he then went back home, amazed at what had happened.

### The Gospel of the Lord



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