



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 3

Monday - No Mass
St Athanasius, bishop,
doctor

Tuesday - 8:00am
Sts Philip and James, apostles

Wednesday - 7:00pm

Thursday - 9:00am

Friday - 9:00am

Saturday - 9:00am

NEXT SUNDAY

7/8 MAY

(Fourth 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

Third Sunday of Easter (Year C) 30th April and 1st May, 2022

Unconditional Love

A doctor was busy in his study when his little son came in and stood silently by. The doctor, who busy with his work, put his hand into his pocket, took out a coin and offered it to the lad. *"I don't want any money, daddy,"* the boy said. After a few moments, the doctor opened a drawer of his desk took out a candy bar and offered this to his son. Again he refused. A little impatient, the busy doctor asked, *"Well, what do you want?"* *"I don't want anything,"* replied the boy. *"I only wanted to be with you."*

Today's reading is called an 'epilogue' the last chapter of the Gospel according to St John. It gives further valuable material about Jesus' last moments with his disciples. After Jesus' crucifixion, some of his disciples went back to their former trade i.e. catching fish. After catching nothing all night, they are directed by Jesus where to try *"Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some."* They catch too many fish to haul into their boat. This sign enables the beloved Disciple to recognize Jesus as the glorified Lord *"It is the Lord!"* This gives a further emphasis to the mission Jesus has given them, His mission from the Father to bring others to share with Him in God's eternal life.

As the Gospel according to St John closes, we see Peter being given a final exam. Jesus asks him, *"Do you love me more than these others do?"* The way it is put we can see that it was a catch question. It was setting the humbug Peter up to answer in his braggart way. 'of course, Lord, I love you ten times more than the lot of them put together.' But the competitive Peter had learned to be humbled, and putting his trust in Jesus who knows him better than himself. *"Lord, you know everything, you know that I love you."* said Peter. Jesus wanted to test Peter to see how real his love is. Peter had learned that our New Testament God is the One who loves us even when we are unlovable. He had learned to move from competition into contemplation. *"Feed my sheep"* Jesus gives Peter a service not a power. He entrusts those whom he loves to one who loves Him.



Let us pray that we will learn to recognize God's unconditional love for us so that we can reach out to those whom are entrusted to us with understanding and sincere compassion. May Jesus' face be shown through the way we care for them.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

645 By means of touch and sharing of a meal, the risen Jesus establishes direct contact with his disciples. He invites them in this way to recognise that he is not a ghost and above all to verify that the risen body in which he appears to them is the same body that had been tortured and crucified, for it still bears the traces of his Passion.

Life is too short to wake up with regrets. So love the people who treat you right. Forget about the ones who don't.

Do you remember....

1985

Father John comes to live on site. The presbytery is an old house that was on the site where the current presbytery is located. Previously Freddy Layt had lived in the house.



3-14 April 1985

Our first church was delivered on site in three parts. The building came from the Pymble Parish. Previously it was at the Marist College, Woolwich. Unfortunately it rained for several days and everything sat out in the rain until the site dried up.



5 May 1985

The first public Mass was held in a demountable classroom in the Freeman Catholic High School at 9:30am. The first sacraments were Baptism, Anointing of the Sick and Communion.



The First Mass in the Parish

'I see John the Baptist as the one who "Bridged" the gulf between the old and new testaments, as the one "who prepared the way of the Lord" - and perhaps I offer that you do as the first thoughts of our new Parish, that in all we do, we "are preparing the way of the Lord" in our district, in our homes. In our hearts.'

Father John Langtry
Excerpt from the first Parish bulletin.



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.

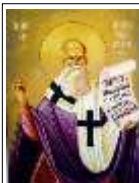
Admittance to the luncheon is by ticket only
\$45.00 per member - Bookings are essential.

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

The Sydney Archdiocese Committee, of the World Apostolate of Fatima invite you to our May Celebration in St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday May, 14th Honouring our Lady and intercede for peace in the World and the welfare of Australia. To commence at 11.30am with entrance procession (inside the Cathedral) with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (with the Immaculate Heart) Rosary, Litany of Loreto & Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary followed by Holy Mass at Noon. We look forward to you joining us in Prayer, especially for this recent outbreak in Ukraine.

Further enquiries please contact us on - 0403578994.

Feasts of the Week



St Anthanasius also known as Athanasius the Great and Athanasius the Confessor, was a bishop and doctor of the church. He is called the "Father of Orthodoxy," the "Pillar of the Church" and "Champion of Christ's Divinity." Much of his life was a testimony to the divinity of Jesus Christ.
Feast Day: May 2



Sts Philip and James
Why do we celebrate the feasts of St. Philip and St. James the Less on the same day? Because they were both apostles? No, we celebrate them on the same day because their relics were brought to Rome together on the same day in early May. James the lesser was, chosen by Jesus Christ to be one of the twelve pillars of the Church. We find him listed in the gospels as James the son of Alphaeus. We know Philip best from the Gospel of John, chapter one. Jesus himself calls Philip, saying, "Follow me." And Philip did follow. He heard the call Jesus issues to each of us and followed.

Feast Day: May 3

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. 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.



We congratulate the families of Andrea BERGAMIN and Kristian MANIO who will be baptised here this weekend.



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



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are very pleased to announce that Children's Liturgy will commence this weekend at the 5:30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday and 8:00am and 10:00am Masses on Sunday

We are in need of helpers and leaders for the 8:00am Mass on Sunday. If you are interested in helping please contact Angela Galdas on 9606 8403 or 0410 964 196.

Fr Mike Schmitz to Address the Archdiocese of Sydney | Live Online | Saturday 28 May 2022 | 10 – 11:30 AM

Fr Mike Schmitz, presenter of the 'Bible in a Year' podcast, will address the faithful of Sydney on the topic, 'Why make disciples? What our Tradition tells us about calling and forming disciples.'

In this fourth part of the *Reclaiming Evangelisation* series, Fr Mike will examine the great adventure of calling and forming disciples which saints and sinners have been living from the apostles until the present day.

Please register at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events.
Inquiries: parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org



THE SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH AUSTRALIAN PILGRIMAGE "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop"

Commencing in Melbourne on 18 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29 October 2022.

During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

For any further information, to provide an itinerary and application form, please contact national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or call 8912 4818.



CWF May Parish Appeal The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be held on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th of May. Your generosity will benefit the good works of the Good Shepherd Seminary, our chaplaincies, the Ephpheta Centre for the deaf and hearing impaired, CatholicCare, the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith, and so much more. 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

CATECHIST NEWS

CCD has added more **On-Line (via Zoom) Induction Training** for new Recruits or those who missed out on a particular course.

Here are the details:

Thursdays:

28 April - Unit 1.1,
5 May - Unit 1.2, 1
2 May - Unit 1.3
26 May - Unit 1.4,
2 June - Unit 1.5

Saturdays:

30 April - Unit 1.1,
7 May - Unit 1.2,
14 May - Unit 1.3



REGISTRATION is essential.

Two ways to REGISTER.

1. Email CCD Office – office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au with Full Name, Parish Name, Telephone Number and Email
2. Visit the CCD Website, select the course and Register - <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/catechist-resources/courses-and-registration/>

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



PARISH MORNING TEAS

Our Parish morning teas have commenced 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.



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

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

Sick: Rita DALLI, Alexander (Sandy) ANDERSON, Jessie ZAMMIT, John DEMICOLI, 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: Loryn Christina COETZEE, Rosa PEROVIC, Jean ZAMMIT, Rogelio VILLEGAS Jr

Anniversary: Frank ZERAFA, Fernando Lemos LAY

Other: Charles & Frances HIGGANS, Charlie SALIBA, 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 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:
Fourth Sunday of Easter - (Year C)
First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52
Second Reading: Rev 7:9, 14-17
Gospel: John 10:27-30

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ The risen Jesus has manifested his love for me by.....
- ♦ For me to "Feed" and "tend" Jesus' "sheep" means.....
- ♦ My daily dying to self "[glorifies] God" in that.....

First reading Acts 5:27-32, 40-41
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily

The high priest demanded an explanation of the Apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 29:2, 4-6, 11-13
I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing:
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second reading Apocalypse 5:11-14
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given riches and power

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation cf. Luke 24:32
Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 21:1-19
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

'I tell you most solemnly,
when you were young
you put on your own belt
and walked where you liked;
but when you grow old
you will stretch out your hands,
and somebody else will put a belt round you
and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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