



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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MASSSES THIS WEEK

PSALTER WEEK 4

Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 8:00am
Wednesday - 7:00pm
Thursday - 9:00am
Friday - 9:00am
Our Lady of Fatima
Saturday - 9:00am
St Matthias, apostle

NEXT SUNDAY

14/15 MAY

(Fifth 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

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C) 7th & 8th May, 2022

The Good Shepherd

A woodpecker decided he was getting lazy: a holiday was what he needed. Several days of flying brought him into the heart of a forest. Sitting on the top branches of a stately pine tree, he thought, *"I'm hungry. There ought to be some bugs under the bark of this tree."* He flew off and took a mighty peck at the trunk; at the same time a bolt of lightning struck and split the tree from top to bottom.

Brother woodpecker picked himself up; preened his rumpled feathers and croaked proudly, *"A fellow just doesn't realize what he can do until he gets away from home."*

Today is Vocation Sunday, and the Church calls her members to pray for vocations in the church and also encourages her members to live out their vocation to the full.

"The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me."

We will never realize our full potential until we listen well to the voice of our Good Shepherd, and follow his guidance and lead. Jesus had given us a wonderful model of living and of leadership. In Jesus we find care, compassion, understanding and hope. He cares so much that he willing to suffer and die for us, his sheep. In this way he becomes the gateway opening up new contact with the Father for us. He is compassionate. The thing that distinguishes him from the Pharisees and the other leaders of his time is that he is compassionately present to all situations. The other leaders were more often present in a condemnatory way. He understands that those who come to see him are confused so he takes time to explain his teaching to the crowds and to go into greater detail with his disciples. He gives people hope when he said: *"The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father."*

In this Vocation Sunday let us pray that we will be the true followers of the Good Shepherd by living the life he had taught us. May we be gentle toward ourselves and gentle towards others, as we trust that the Good Shepherd cares for each one of us, and we will bring that care to those whom we encounter in our daily living.

One hundred years from now it will not matter what kind of car you drove, what kind of house you lived in, how much you had in your bank account, or what your clothes looked like.

But the world may be a little better because you were important in the life of a child.

Margaret Powers.



Do you remember....

May – June 1985

The foundations were poured for the Church and the building was re-erected.

Mr. Doug McMonagle supervised the work and also undertook a lot of work himself.

Despite the build being delivered in three parts Fr. John stated that the building never leaked.



The Story of the Rainbow Picture

On the day before the first Mass in the Church, Father John saw a full rainbow from his veranda. He quickly grabbed his camera and took the two photographs that have been reproduced on this page.

When Mary Budwee went to pickup the photos from the processor, they asked if they could also print them and display them in their window as they were very impressed with the scene. They merged the two photos and framed the resulting print.

After the display was finished, the framed print was presented back to the Parish. For a number of years this was hung in the church. A new enhanced copy now hangs inside the church above the main entrance. The original is on display in the Parish Pastoral Centre.

A framed enlargement of this photo was given to each of the Sisters of Charity when they completed their five year mission in our Parish.

The Rainbow must truly be a message from God. It is part of the school emblem for John the Baptist Primary School. It is easily associated with our Parish and was used as the 25th Anniversary logo.

For the purposes of this publication the two photographs have been merged using Photoshop and then cropped to achieve the final image. Also some retouching was done to remove scratches and blemishes.

The framed photo has been captured in many of the photographs of the inside of the church throughout this book.



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



Our Lady of Fatima is a Catholic title of Mary, mother of Jesus based on the Marian apparitions reported in 1917 by three shepherd children at the Cova da Iria, in Fátima, Portugal. The three children were Lúcia dos Santos and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto.

Feast Day: May 13



St Matthias was according to the Acts of the Apostles (written c. AD 80-90), chosen by the apostles to replace Judas Iscariot following the latter's betrayal of Jesus and his subsequent death. His calling as an apostle is unique, in that his appointment was not made personally by Jesus, who had already ascended into heaven and it was also made before the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the early Church.

Feast Day: May 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. 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 Lincoln EBERWIJN and Valencia VELARDI 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

Children's Liturgy will be held each 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.



The **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) May Appeal** is happening this weekend and we need your help. The devastation of the last two years has especially taken its toll on the most vulnerable in Sydney: those facing unemployment, homelessness, mental health concerns, and more. Special envelopes are available at the parish. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf
Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

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,
12 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: Edgardo NAVARRO, Elsie ANDREAZZA, Loryn Christina COETZEE, Rosa PEROVIC, Jean ZAMMIT

Anniversary: Norman CUISIA, Giuseppe PIGNATARO, Rina FAVOTTO, Norman CUISIA, Maria CAVALLARO, Mimi ORTADO

Other: Charles & Frances HIGGANS, Arthur & Julia HIGGANS, Anthony & Maria VELLA, Charlie & Rita CRUZE, 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: Rosa Marciano
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:
Fifth Sunday of Easter - (Year C)
First Reading: Acts 14:21-27
Second Reading: Rev 21:1-5
Gospel: John 13:31-35

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ I hear the voice of the Good Shepherd calling me to.....
- ♦ Hearing Jesus announce that "no one can take [me] out of the Father's hand" means to me.....
- ♦ Imitating Christ, I am like a good shepherd to others when.....; I am like a lamb slain for others when.....

First reading **Acts 13:14, 43-52**
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

'We must turn to the pagans'

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

99:1-3, 5

Second reading **Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17**
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:27-30

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

I know my sheep and they follow me

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal them
from me.

The Father who gave them to
me is greater than
anyone,
and no one can steal from the
Father.

The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord

