



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 2

Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 8:00am
Our Lady Help of Christians
Wednesday - 7:00pm
St Bede the Venerable, priest
doctor
St Gregory VII, pope
St Mary Magdalene de'
Pazzi, virgin
Thursday - 9:00am
St Philip Neri, priest
Friday - 9:00am
St Augustine of Canterbury,
bishop
Saturday - 9:00am

NEXT SUNDAY

28/29 MAY

(The Ascension 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

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C) 21st & 22nd May, 2022

Peace

Once during a television interview, Mother Teresa was faced with a heckler who said, "You love the poor; that's fine. But how about the immense riches of the Vatican and of the Church?" Mother Teresa's reaction was typical. She looked straight at the interviewer and said, "Sir, you are not a happy man. Something is eating you. You don't have any peace within you." At that he wilted. And she just continued to make him writhe, "You should have some faith."

"And how do I get faith?" he asked. "You should pray."

"But I cannot pray." "Then I'll do it for you. But on your part you should try to give the people around you a smile. A smile touches other people. It brings some of the reality of God into our lives."

Jesus is aware of the harsh realities of the world when he talks in today's gospel about love and peace and about not having fear or trouble in our hearts. "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him." To love God is first of all to accept being loved by Him. When we accept this love we become more free from fear and trouble.

Being more free from fear we become more free from compulsion and our way of seeing others begins to change. When our way of seeing changes, our behavior also begins to change. With behaviour changes we will be able to see others with the eyes of Jesus. We then begin to ask ourselves what would Jesus do if he is in my position? As the result our heart should be filled with peace and joy which Jesus promised.

Let us pray that we shall listen well to Jesus' word and may we let the Spirit of God dwell within us and guide us towards better behavior.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

1823 Jesus makes charity the new commandment. By loving his own 'to the end', he makes manifest the Father's love which he receives. By loving one another, the disciples imitate the love of Jesus which they themselves receive. Whence Jesus says: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.' And again: 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.'

A thought for the day

When the people you're dealing with today look at you, they are to see a sign of God's presence to and for them. Pray for the grace to be that sign.



The Significance of the Eucharist

The Eucharist is the most significant celebration in the Church's liturgy. It is the source and basis of all Catholic life. In one celebration, it encompasses the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Eucharist is a celebration of praise and thanksgiving to the Father, remembering and celebrating the actions of Jesus Christ, and given power by the Holy Spirit. The whole assembly worships and celebrates the liturgy in the unity of the Spirit: everyone has a function and ministry.

This celebration is based on the belief that the Eucharist is a sacrifice making present the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and the real presence of Christ under the appearance of bread and wine. The Eucharist makes present again the sacrifice that Jesus made when he offered his life for humanity.

The Last Supper in the Scriptures is presented as a unique event, but in fact one activity which typified Jesus' ministry was the constant sharing of meals with men and women of all types and levels of society. Food is necessary for life; it comforts people; and it draws them together. Spiritual food does the same, at a different level.



St. Philip Neri born in Florence (Italy) in 1515. An outstanding proponent of Church reform after the Council of Trent. Worked among the young and the poor in Rome and founded the Congregation of the Oratory. Many people wrongly feel that such an attractive and jocular personality as Philip's cannot be combined with an intense spirituality. Philip's life melts our rigid, narrow views of piety. His approach to sanctity was truly catholic, all-embracing, and accompanied by a good laugh. Remembered as a spiritual director, for his pastoral initiatives, and for his humour, simplicity, and charity. Died at Rome on this day in 1595.

Feast Day: May 26

Feasts of the Week



Our Lady Help of Christians

The Virgin Mary has often been invoked in times of religious strife under the title of Help of Christians. In thanksgiving for the release of Pope Pius VII from captivity in 1814, the feast was established the following year on the anniversary of his restoration.

The first Australian provincial synod held in Sydney in 1844 placed the Church in Australia under Mary's patronage invoked by the title Help of Christians. The solemn feast is an occasion to seek Mary's help and protection for our Church and nation. **Feast Day: May 24**



Gregory VII Born Hildebrand c. 1020 in Tuscany, Pope/ St. Gregory VII was one of the great church reformers. Elected pope in 1073, Hildebrand took the name Gregory in honor of St. Gregory the Great and began to institute reforms against simony, clerical marriage (and/ or unchastity), and lay investiture. Gregory died in Salerno in 1085, and Paul V canonized him in 1606.

Feast Day: May 25



St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi born in Florence, Italy, 1566, Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi was so generously given this special gift of God that she is called the "ecstatic saint." Mystical ecstasy is the elevation of the spirit to God in such a way that the person is aware of this union with God while both internal and external

senses are detached from the sensible world. She read the thoughts of others and predicted future events. During her lifetime, Mary Magdalene appeared to several persons in distant places and cured a number of sick people. **Feast Day: May 25**



St. Augustine of Canterbury

In the year 596, some 40 monks set out from Rome to evangelize the Anglo-Saxons in England. Leading the group was Augustine, the prior of their monastery. Work was sometimes slow and Augustine did not always meet with success. Attempts to reconcile the Anglo-Saxon Christians with the original Briton Christians who had been driven into western England by Anglo-Saxon invaders ended in dismal failure. The limited success Augustine achieved in England before his death in 605, a short eight years after his arrival, would eventually bear fruit long after in the conversion of England. Augustine of Canterbury can truly be called the "Apostle of England." **Feast Day: May 27**

The month of May is dedicated to our Lady. The family that prays together stays together.

The financial year is coming to an end and new Planned Giving Envelopes for the Parish will commence from 1 July. If you are not a regular donor to the Church, please consider becoming one by commencing with a new set of envelopes or by using your credit card. All information is kept safe and confidential. Kindly show your intention by completing the tear off slip below or complete a regular credit card authority form found in the Church foyer and place in the presbytery mail box or hand it to Fr Dominic. Your donation helps keep your Parish moving forward.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

Would you like to become a regular contributor to the Parish?

Or would you like to change your contribution method from envelopes to monthly credit card giving?

If so, please fill in this slip and return it to the Parish Office. Otherwise send an e-mail to Leanne at info@johnthebaptist.org.au

Name:..... Telephone No.:

Address:.....

Email :

☐ I wish to commence Planned Giving Program.

☐ I wish to change from envelopes to Credit Card monthly giving. Current envelope No:.....
(a credit card authority form will need to be completed)



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



We congratulate the family of Leonardo GAIBISSO who will be baptised here this weekend.

Children's Liturgy of the Word



What is Children's Liturgy of the Word?

During Children's Liturgy of the Word, the children pray together. They hear and respond to the Gospel (simplified for children), in their own time and space, with Children's Liturgy Leaders. The children then return to the Church for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

All children who are 4-8 years of age are welcome to attend.

4 years old (accompanied)

5-8 years old (unaccompanied)

Parents are welcome to go to Children's Liturgy with their child.

At John the Baptist Catholic Church, Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place during the following Mass times.....

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am

(not during school holidays)



All Children's Liturgy Leaders have a Working with Children Clearance.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Can you help? 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.



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

The Ascension Prayer Community You are invited

The Gospel of Love
Guest Speaker: Abraham George
Catholic Lay Evangelist, SRM Australia

Praise and Worship/ Word of God/ Healing Service

Thursday 26 MAY

John the Baptist Parish Hall

Love is the essence of the Gospel!

John 13:16 we read, God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but may have eternal life. God is love, He loves us and He encourages us to love one another thereby the world will know that we are His disciples. The evening begins with Praise n Worship, this is a great opportunity to hear about and experience this love of God in Christ Jesus. So why not come along and join us!



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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:

26 May - Unit 1.4,

2 June - Unit 1.5



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.



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.

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

Sick: Mariola, 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: Bruno ROMEO, John GRIMA, Margaret JOSEPH, Virginia PANTALEON, Nolasco MENDOZA JNR, Sister Vittorina VELLA, Edgardo NAVARRO, Elsie ANDREAZZA, Loryn Christina COETZEE, Rosa PEROVIC, Jean ZAMMIT

Anniversary: Maria Emmanuel TRINH, Angela De FALCO, Frank VELLA, Jimmy FENECH

Other: Louis CASSIDY, Sr Gemma MARIE, Akram JOSEPH, Michael GRIMA, Marion 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:
The Ascension of the Lord - (Year C)
First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

Reflection Questions

- ♦ Keeping Jesus' word as a sign of love means to me.....
- ♦ Whenever I keep Jesus' word, God makes a "dwelling" with me. I understand this to mean.....
- ♦ Jesus' "peace" is different from the world's in that.....

First reading **Acts 15:1-2, 22-29**
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It has been decided by the Spirit and by ourselves not to burden you with any burden beyond these essentials

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm **66:2-3, 5-6, 8**
O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second reading **Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23**
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation **John 14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel **John 14:23-29**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

A peace the world cannot give is my gift to you

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him and make our home with him.
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.
And my word is not my own:

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give,
this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am
going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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