



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
*The Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church*
Tuesday - 8:00am
Wednesday - 7:00pm
Thursday - 9:00am
St Ephrem, deacon, doctor
Friday - 9:00am
Saturday - 9:00am
St Barnabas, apostle

NEXT SUNDAY

11/12 JUNE

(The Most Holy Trinity
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

Pentecost Sunday (Year C) 4th & 5th June, 2022

The Holy Spirit

There is a young boy who loves to play with the TV remote control. He keeps changing channels when his brothers and sisters are watching television, so they decided to take the battery out of the remote control. The young boy gets bored quickly because the remote control does not work, he then abandons his toy. The remote control without power was useless.

Henri Nouwen says that '*Pentecost is the coming of the Spirit of Jesus into the world. It is the celebration of God breaking through the boundaries of time and space and opening the whole world for the re-creating power of love. Pentecost is freedom, the freedom of the Spirit to blow where it wants*'.

From the Acts of the Apostles we read "*the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven... They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.*" Before the Pentecost the disciples of Jesus were looking for an external victory. They had been hampered by their vision of a Messiah who would fulfil their ambition and easy promotion. They wanted Jesus to drive out the Roman occupying power and take over political supremacy. All they could see was external. But at the Pentecost they became aware that the power was within, that the message of Christ was about internal attitude. They were able to see the real Jesus and the real message that had been there all the time, then they began to preach. It is significant that they immediately began to reach beyond barriers. Language, culture, race and domination were no longer a block. All were able to hear and understand each other and become 'unity in diversity'.

In John's Gospel, Jesus first tells his disciples to go on mission: "*As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.*" then he gives them the Holy Spirit - the gift of forgiving: "*Receive the Holy Spirit. For whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven...*" Forgiveness is taking off the armour that weighs us down. The Spirit is given to enable us to do this because we cannot by our own power.

We are living in a world in which daily we hear about violence in families, in communities and in countries, let us pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us in the way of peace by living more loving, understanding and forgiving.

Grace is one way Catholics describe the action of God in the world. God, through the Holy Spirit, is active in all creation. When we pray, serve others or participate in the sacraments, we share in God's life. Grace is the gift that helps us know God better, become stronger in faith and live a just life.

Catholics speak about two major kinds of grace, sanctifying grace and actual grace. Baptism takes away original sin and makes us a new creation. The action of the Holy Spirit in sanctifying grace makes us holy by giving us a share in God's life. Sanctifying grace is restored or strengthened when we received the other six sacraments. Actual grace helps us to know and do what is right at a particular time. It is a temporary action of the Holy Spirit.



Pentecost: the birth of the Church

Despite all their concerns and fears, the first Christians had the promise that Jesus would not abandon them but would send a special counsellor or advocate to help and guide them. The transformation of the first Christians into people filled with faith and courage is told in the story of Pentecost. The Apostles, led by Peter, began to proclaim the message of Jesus to people from every nation who had gathered in Jerusalem for the Passover. The number of disciples began to increase.

This is what Peter said to the crowd at Pentecost. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is outpouring of the Spirit. Acts 2:32-33.

The message of Pentecost was the message of the Resurrection. The Apostles, empowered by the Holy Spirit and led by Peter, were determined to share the story of the Risen



Christ. Pentecost, seven weeks after the first Easter, may be described as the birth day of the Church.

Pentecost and the Holy Trinity

Pentecost is also a feast that celebrates the Trinity, the term that describes the nature of God. The special Counsellor that Jesus promised was the Holy Spirit. With the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit reveals to us the nature of God - three Persons, yet one God. Pentecost is important because it celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity. *To Know worship and love, Year 8, p37*

Feasts of the Week



The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

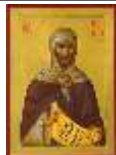
In Roman Catholic Mariology, Mother of the Church (in Latin *Mater Ecclesiae*) is a title, officially given to Mary during the Second Vatican Council by Pope Paul VI. The title was first used in the 4th Century by St Ambrose of Milan, as rediscovered by Hugo Rahner.

The title "Mother of the Church" was used by Pope Benedict XIV in 1748 and then by Pope Leo XIII in 1885. The title was also used by Pope John Paul II and is also found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Pope John Paul II stated that overall the title indicates the Blessed Virgin Mary's maternity of Christ's faithful, as deriving from her maternity of Christ in that "Mary is present in the Church as the Mother of Christ, and at the same time as that Mother whom Christ, in the mystery of the Redemption, gave to humanity in the person of the Apostle John [cf. John 19:27]. Thus, in her new motherhood in the Spirit, Mary embraces each and every one in the Church, and embraces each and every one through the Church.

Pope Francis has decreed that Latin-rite Catholics around the world will mark the feast of "the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church" on the Monday after Pentecost each year.

Feast Day: First Monday after Pentecost (this year June 6)



St Ephrem

St Ephrem was born in Mesopotamia in the early fourth century. He was a teacher and a deacon and wrote hymns to counteract the heresies rampant at that time. He lived an ascetic and celibate life in his last years and devoted much of his time to prayer and good deeds. He organised the distribution of food in the famine of 372.

Feast Day: June 9



St Barnabas

All we know of Barnabas is to be found in the New Testament. Barnabas sold his land and possessions and gave the proceeds to the Apostles. He and Paul undertook missionary journeys together converting many to Christianity. He was also one of the first teachers of the church at Antioch. They both attended the Council of Jerusalem to deal with the issue of converting Gentiles to Christianity.

Feast Day: June 11



PARISH HOUSIE VOLUNTEERS:

We are in need of volunteers to help with our Parish Housie at the Liverpool Catholic Club on Saturdays from 12:00pm until 3:30pm. If you can assist in anyway please see Fr Dominic or contact the Parish Office on 9823 2572.

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.



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

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



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.

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW and CCR Parramatta will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday on 5th June 2022 at OLQP Church Greystanes. The theme is "We are one in the Spirit", with Prayer & Praise at 1.30pm followed by Mass celebrated by Fr. Brian Steele MGL and then Prayer Ministry concluding at 4.30pm. Enquiries email@ccrnsw.org.au or 0411404090 or 0431778476.

Walk with Christ

Sunday, 19 June, is the Feast of Corpus Christi. For a number of Years prior to Covid, there was an annual Corpus Christi procession through the Streets of Sydney, departing from St Patrick's at Wynyard, and arriving at St Mary's Cathedral. The procession is being reinstated this year, but the departure point this year will be corner of Pitt Street and Martin Place, commencing at 2:30pm.



1st Holy Communion Spiritual Day

Our Candidates have been preparing for the Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion these past weeks and they will be completing these lessons this week with a Spiritual Day held on this Sunday 5th June from 11.10am in the Church. Let us continue to pray for these Communicants.

We ask that you please pray for the children who are making their First Holy Communion in the next 3 weeks as they prepare at their retreat this Sunday.



CATECHIST NEWS

Please be advised that the CCD Team have decided to postpone all Level One 1.4 and 1.5 training for Term 2 and will conduct them in Term 3 instead. Due to Covid and school situations many new recruits have not had a chance to teach, that is why they felt it would be best to run 1.4 and 1.5 in Term 3 instead.

We will still run 1.4 and 1.5 at Bonnyrigg but in Term 3.

Together in Christ,
Nina

Enquiries: Nina Laureti 0408465149



World Meeting of Families 22-26 June

Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated the World Meeting of Families in a different city of the world. In 2022 the event will be hosted by the Diocese of Rome with Pope Francis leading special celebrations. However, the Holy Father has also asked that the World Meeting of Families be celebrated concurrently in every diocese of the world in 2022. The idea is for families to gather locally around their bishop to explore and celebrate the theme of "Family love: A vocation and a path to holiness." You can discover local Australian events or explore the resources with your own family by visiting: www.family.catholic.org.au



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: Sim Moe LIM, Bruno ROMEO, John GRIMA, Margaret JOSEPH, Virginia PANTALEON, Nolasco MENDOZA JNR, Sister Vittorina VELLA,

Anniversary: Martin SARCOR, Vince CAVALLARO, Barry DUNNING, Eliza FOOT, Guilherme Araujo LI

Other: 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:
The Most Holy Trinity - (Year C)
First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31
Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5
Gospel: John 16:12-15

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ I look to the Spirit to assist me with the loving God and keeping God's word by.....
- ♦ I experience the Spirit's empowering me when.....
- ♦ Gifts of the Spirit that I have received are..... I am sharing these gifts with others by.....

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Second reading

Romans 8:8-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is

Acts 2:1-11

living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:15-16, 23-26

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever.

'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.

The Gospel of the Lord



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