



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 4

Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 8:00am
St Aloysius Gonzaga,
religious
Wednesday - 7:00pm
Sts John Fisher, bishop and
Thomas More, martyrs
Thursday - 9:00am
St Paulinus of Nola, bishop
Friday - 9:00am
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday - 9:00am
The Nativity of St John the
Baptist

NEXT SUNDAY

25/26 JUNE

(13th Sunday in Ordinary
Time 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

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ [Corpus Christi] (Year C) 18th & 19th June, 2022

Our Pasch

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons John 11, and James 8. The boys began to argue who would get the first pancake. Their mother took the opportunity for a moral lesson. She said to the boys: *"if Jesus is here, he would say 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I will wait!'"* James turned to his older brother and cheekily said, *"John, you'll be Jesus. OK?"*

Pope Pius XII put it this way: "when we receive worthily, we are what we receive. We are transformed into Christ."

Today we celebrate the Feast of **'The Body and Blood of Christ'** which reminds us that Jesus' Body and Blood are given for us. He loved us so much that he was willing born as we are born, grew as we grow and died on the cross for our redemption. He loves us so much that he continues to be with us in the sacraments especially in the Eucharist which we receive Jesus' life under the form of consecrated bread and consecrated wine. According to Henri Nouwen, *"The Eucharist can be seen only by those who already love the Lord and believe in his active, loving presence to us."* It is like human love which we don't see but love bonds us to those whom we love.

In the movie Armageddon, the character played by Bruce Willis agrees to lead the mission to "nuke" an asteroid threatening the earth. He dies to save his would be son-in-law, to give happiness to his daughter, and to enable the world to survive. His sacrifice imitated Jesus' self giving on the cross. "while they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them and said 'Take it; this is my body', then he took a cup, gave thanks....'This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Do this in memory of me'" Jesus calls for discipleship, a deep personal union with him. He wants us to participate in the Eucharist and to share the very life of God.



Let us pray that as the disciples of Jesus and being nourished and sustained by the very life of Jesus Himself, we will carry on Jesus' mission in our world by generously sharing our gifts, talents, time, love and forgiveness with others and always strive for reconciliation and unity.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

1324 The Eucharist is 'the source and summit of the Christian life.' 'The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and oriented towards it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch'.

Eucharistic Miracles of the World. - www.therealpresence.org

These are real stories from around the world. Read and believe.



*We congratulate the following
Children who are celebrating the
Sacrament of First Holy Communion
this weekend:*

AGIUS, Mikaela	MITTIGA, Mia
AGUIAR, Kiara	MORIANA, Dante
BARISIC, Emily	MUSUMECI, Jacob
BOYAJIAN, Marisa	MUY, Benjamin
BOYAJIAN, Tarisa	NAAMO, Braxton
BUTRES, Cristiano	NAAMO, Leonel
CABRERA, Alyssa	NGUYEN, Emily
DARKE, Imogen	NGUYEN, Jordan
DONATIELLO, Ethan	PALERMO, Elizabeth
FALZON, Luca	PHAM, Athena
FERNANDO, Cheroki	RAKVIN, Antony
GIULIANI-BRUNO, Renata	SAJNOVIC, Tyler
GORGEES, Shia	SARKESYAN, Mary
GORGIS, Rosaleen	SHAMOON, Braxon
KUNA, Benjamin	TOMIC, Mariella
KUMPOON, Brioni	TRAN, Emma
LONCAR, Dominik	TRIPODINA, Alana
LY, Kayla Hieu Minh	YOUKHANA, Zaia
MARRONE, Dante	ZHANG, Gerry
MIKHAIL, Amalina	

*Thank
You*

Thankyou to all the parents, teachers and group leaders who helped prepare the children and a special thanks to our Sacramental Co-ordinators Tamara, Teresa and the core group for all their work with preparation and support behind the scenes as well.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new envelopes for next Financial Year are now available outside in the Church foyer. **Please ensure you pick up your correct envelope by checking both your name and address.**

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.



SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH of the Sacred Heart NSW

Invitation

Sister Anne Porter of the NSW Regional Leadership Team extend a warm invitation to attend the Sesquicentenary Mass celebration 150 years of the presence of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in NSW since their arrival in Perthville in 1872.

The Mass will be celebrated on
Saturday 16 July 2022 at 10:30am
in the Cathedral of St Michael and St John Bathurst.
Celebrant: Bishop Michael McKenna.

Following the Mass there will be a light lunch in the Cathedral Hall. Everyone is very welcome - Parishioners, Friends, Companions and all those with a connection to the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

The Perthville Heritage Centre will be open for visitors from 2pm for the 2.30pm Launch of the audio app of the site.

RSVP by 134 June 2022 - needed for catering purposes
Please contact Sr Berenice Cornish rsj
Email: Berenice.cornish@sosj.rg.au
Mobile: 0418 681 949

Feasts of the Week



The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

The heart has always been seen as the "centre" or essence of a person. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is devotion to Jesus Christ himself, but in particular ways of mediating on his interior life and on His threefold love - His divine love, His burning love that fed His human will and His sensible love that affects His interior life. **Feast Day: June 24**



The Nativity of St John the Baptist

The Feast of the Nativity, or birthday, of St John the Baptist is one of the oldest feasts in the liturgy of the Church and is ranked among the joyous feasts of the year. He was the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, a cousin of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As Zechariah was ministering in the Temple, an angel brought him the news that Elizabeth would bear a child filled with the Holy Spirit from the moment of his birth and that "many would rejoice in his birth". He doubted and was struck dumb until John's birth. John began his ministry around the age of 27, wearing a leather belt and tunic of camel hair, living off locusts and wild honey, and preaching a message of repentance to the people of Jerusalem. He converted many, and prepared the way for the coming of Jesus. He Baptised Christ and pointed him out as "the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world", after which he stepped away and told his disciples to follow Jesus. Shortly after, John rebuked King Herod for taking Herodias, the wife of the ruler's brother Philip. In retaliation, John was cast into prison and while there arranged - through his followers - to bear witness to Jesus one last time. John was then beheaded by order of Herod at the instigation of Herodias and his head was brought to her on a platter. **Feast Day: June 25**

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 families of Hayley VONG, Emma CAMILLERI and Lucinda DICHOSO who will be baptised here this weekend.

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.



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.

Discernment Retreat for young men 24-26 June 2022

We invite you to immerse yourself in a quiet environment for you to really focus your attention on listening to God. Surrounded by the serene and peaceful setting of the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre in Grose Vale, this weekend will enable you to spend some quality time in prayerful silence with Mass, Rosary, Prayer of the Church, Adoration and much more. This is a silent retreat weekend for young men 18-35 years old considering a vocation to the Priesthood.

The retreat will be led by the Director of Vocations, Fr Daniele Russo. Registration: \$75 (includes accommodation and meals) | Registration online here.

For enquiries, please call 02 9307 8424 or email us at vocations@sydneycatholic.org



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.

John the Baptist Feast Day Celebration - Sunday 26th June after 10am Mass



Next Sunday we will celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of our Patron saint at our 10am Mass. We have invited the 2022 Kindergarten families to experience their first saint day with their parish family and they will be singing us a special reflection song during Mass. There will be a sausage sizzle and morning tea after the Mass. All are welcome to stay and enjoy the celebration!

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



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.



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



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: Josephine FERNANDEZ, Frank VELLA, Francesca CERRUTO, John LUU, Sim Moe LIM, Bruno ROMEO, John GRIMA

Anniversary: Mary O'DWYER

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:

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year C)

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ Some examples of Jesus' using my few gifts (only "five loaves and two fish") to minister to others abundantly are.....
- ♦ I experience God's lavish generosity to me in my need when.....
- ♦ My faith in the Body and Blood of Christ affects how I live in that.....

First reading

Genesis 14:18-20

A reading from the book of Genesis

Melchizedek brought bread and wine

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth,
and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.'

And Abram gave him a tithe of everything.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

109:1-4

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The Lord's revelation to my Master:

'Sit on my right:
your foes I will put beneath your feet.'

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The Lord will wield from Zion

your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes.

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

A prince from the day of your birth

on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.

'You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.'

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 9:11-17

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

The feeding of the five thousand

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

The Gospel of the Lord



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