



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
St Elizabeth of Portugal
Tuesday - 8:00am
St Anthony Zaccaria, priest
Wednesday - 7:00pm
St Maria Goretti, virgin, martyr
Thursday - 9:00am
Bl Peter To Rot, martyr
Friday - 9:00am
Saturday - 9:00am
St Augustine Zhao Rong, priest, and companions, martyrs

NEXT SUNDAY

9/10 JULY

(15th 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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)
2nd & 3rd July, 2022

Find our value within

One of the most wonderful sights in front of some old churches is the graveyard which is a good place for us to reflect about the way we live our life. The people who are sleeping there would not respond to whatever happens around, whether you praise or curse them. This is the message of today's Gospel, our value comes from deep within us which gives us true joy not external material things. A spiritual director says, *"Nothing external should come between us and true joy which is something interior to us."*

In the Gospel today, Jesus warns the seventy two disciples about their attitudes as he sends them out on a mission. He tells them to travel light, *"Carry no purse no haversack, no sandals....let your first words be, 'Peace to this house!'"*. By sending the seventy-two on a mission with nothing to rely on but their faith and trust in His word, Jesus reminds us, through his disciples, not to give importance to the baggage we bring, the equipment, the diplomas, the signs of wealth or distinction that mark us as having something that others have not. He knew well that these things only divide people. The more we appear to excel the more we make others ill-at-ease and the more we create jealous reactions. On the other hand, the more we are conscious of and accepting of our own limits the more we find unity as with others and the more we leave space in which to love and be loved by others.

I cannot help feeling good when I hear people praising John the Baptist parish for instant, the largest number of catechists, schools are among the best etc. Of course, I am still the same person whether in this parish or in another not as well established as this parish, yet I tend to take my self valuation from things that are totally external to me. *"Even the devils submit to us when we use your name"* the disciples did not understand Jesus' message they felt proud by the external signs of their power, which gained them prestige and honour. Their value was in these possessions. Jesus reminds them *"Do not rejoice because the spirits submit to you: rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven"*.

Let us pray that we shall find joy, value within ourselves and may the way we live our life draw us closer to the Lord and the external manifestations are the means for us to achieve this purpose.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

2305 Earthly peace is the image and fruit of the peace of Christ, the messianic 'Prince of Peace'. By the blood of his cross, 'in his own person he killed hostility', he reconciled men with God and made his church the sacrament of the unity of the human race and of its union with God. 'He is our peace.' he has declared: "Blessed are the peacemakers."

We pray

***That conflicts everywhere may be resolved by peaceful means.
For peace in our homes and communities.
For peacemakers that their work may bear fruit.***



Classroom Music Teachers Wanted

Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) is looking for specialist Instrumental tutors in Brass, Woodwind and Strings and Classroom Music Teachers with an ability to teach Drama and Dance to work in our primary and secondary schools, from one to five days per week. Tutors will commence in Term 1, 2023 and to start applying, you can view the live advert on our Sydney Catholic Schools website. All Classroom Music Teacher positions will be advertised from Monday, 25 July and for anyone interested you can add your expression of interest. For further information, please contact the SCS' Recruitment team at: hr.recruitment@syd.catholic.edu.au.

Heart of Life is offering an "At-home Retreat: Held in Hope" – over five weeks, beginning Monday, 1 August and concluding 29 August. This at-home retreat, invites you to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and to be accompanied by a retreat-companion weekly, via Zoom for 45 minutes, on how God might have been present for you. A small donation will be welcome. To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email info@heartoflife.melbourne, no later than 18 July 2022.

Parish Renewal Conference 2022

St Mary's Cathedral Precinct

Friday 19 August, 6 – 9 pm and

Saturday 20 August, 9 am – 5:15 pm

\$25 per person for parishioners in the Archdiocese of Sydney
Registration essential: www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22 by
Sunday 14 August

Inquiries: parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org

HOLY FATHERS APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to the Holy Fathers Appeal last weekend. Your generous gift will assist communities impacted by floods, earthquakes, civil war and other disasters.

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.

Feasts of the Week



St Elizabeth of Portugal was born in 1271, the daughter of Pedro III who would become king of Aragon. From her youth, Elizabeth was a devout child who attended daily mass, prayed regularly, and fasted. She was married at age 12 to Denis, King of Portugal. Though Denis was fond of his young wife, he did not share her piety and often strayed into sin, resulting in several illegitimate children. These children were lovingly cared for by Elizabeth along with her own two children. Elizabeth served as peacemaker between her son and husband, resulting in their ultimate reconciliation. Denis, too, was the object of many of her peace endeavours. Elizabeth long sought peace for him with God, and was finally rewarded when he gave up his life of sin. He apologized to his wife in front of everyone and began to have a great respect for her. In his last sickness, she never left his side, except for Mass, until he died a holy death. After Denis' death in 1325, Elizabeth retired to the convent of the Poor Clares, which she had founded in 1314 and lived for eleven more years, doing even greater charity and penance and devoted the rest of her life to the poor and sick. **Feast Day: July 4**



St Anthony Zaccaria was born in 1502 in Cremona, Italy, Anthony became a medical doctor. In 1528 he was ordained a priest and cofounded the Barnabites, the religious congregation so called because it was headquartered in St. Barnabas Monastery in Milan. The Barnabites occupied the monastery in 1538, having been approved in 1533. Anthony popularised the forty-hour prayer ceremony, promoted the use of altar sacraments, and introduced the ringing of church bells on Friday. He died in 1539. **Feast Day: July 5**



St Maria Goretti
On July 5, 1902, Maria was sitting outside the steps of her home concentrating on sewing Alessandro's shirt when he tried to rape her. Maria cried that it was a mortal sin and warned he would go to hell. He stabbed her 14 times. St Maria Goretti forgave her attacker on her death bed. One night during his 27 years in prison, her attacker dreamt of Maria giving him flowers. Upon awakening he repented his life of crime and sought the forgiveness of Maria's mother after his release from prison. Maria Goretti was beatified by Pope Pius XII in a ceremony at Saint Peter's Basilica on April 27, 1947. Three years later, on June 24, 1950, Maria was declared a saint. **Feast Day: July 6**



St Augustine Zhao Rong was a Chinese soldier who accompanied Bishop John Gabriel Taurin Dufresse of the Paris Foreign Mission Society to his martyrdom in Beijing. Not long after his baptism Augustine was ordained as a diocesan priest. He was martyred in 1815. **Feast Day: July 9**
Forced to operate secretly 120 martyrs died between 1648 and 1930. Eighty seven of them were born in China, and were children, parents, catechists or labourers, ranging in age from 9 to 72 years. This group includes 4 Chinese diocesan priests.

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 jbmgroup@gmail.com or call/SMS Daniel on 0411 254 520.

THE ASCENSION PRAYER GROUP

Gospel of Love

God is love, it is the nature and essence of God.

Br. Abraham George reminded us to Pursue love and desire spiritual gifts. Let love be our highest goal. If we Pursue Love everything will fall into place. Romans 5:5, God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. The love of God is inviting us to become the children of God. "I am a child of God and I am accepted as I am."

Unlike earthly love, heavenly father's love will never fail us, Father's heart is holding us when we are facing rejection. The most secure place to be in. We don't need to live in rejection and pain. God's love heals us of rejection and pain and make us whole again.

Followed by healing service, Lord's healing power healed and delivered many people testified of physical and inner healing. All Glory and praise to our Lord Jesus Christ.



John The Baptist Parish Bookkeeper is urgently needed.

Our parish is looking for a part-time Bookkeeper who has experienced with accounting records. If you are interested please see Fr Dominic.



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.



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.



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.

Ignite Conference 2022

Thursday 29 September - Sunday 2 October
Freeman College Bonnyrigg.

This popular conference was postponed in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-lockdowns, but is back this year, featuring the Holy Sacraments of Mass, Reconciliation and Adoration, inspiring speakers, workshops and dynamic music.

The event is aimed at all ages with a program of interest to primary and high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from across the country.

Speakers will include Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, Fr Rob Galea and Therese Mills MGL.

\$100 Discount available for the first 50 young adults who register or volunteer from the Archdiocese of Sydney.

EMAIL: John.nguyen@sydneycatholic.org for the Discount Code

Read more about the conference online:

<https://igniteconference.com.au/>



Worldwide Marriage Encounter - Virtual Weekend

Live your best life in love

The Virtual Weekend is conducted by Zoom allowing you to attend from the comfort of your own home.

Date: 19-21 August 2022

Starting Friday, 19 August 2022, 7.00 pm (Sydney time)

Through Sunday, 21 August 2022 around 4.00 pm.

The Weekend will conclude with Holy Mass

Book online www.wme.org.au

OR contact Booking Couple

Mercy & James Sivakare, Mobile 0409 183 676

Email: vicbookings@wme.org.au

What is required to attend virtually:

- A computer / laptop with video (camera + microphone)
- A good internet connection

- If you have small children, you will need to find care for them during the day



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: Mirella ZULIC, Symond GEORGES, Andrea MARAMBIO, Josephine FERNANDEZ, Frank VELLA, Francesca CERRUTO

Anniversary: Anna Tran Thi Em, Casimero CASTOR, Ruth Elizabeth BEJARAMO DE MALDONADO, Josephine VELLA

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:

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year C)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Reflection Questions

- ♦ Where I realize the abundant harvest of God's kingdom is.....
- ♦ The labour I am contributing to extending God's kingdom is.....
- ♦ Hoping that my name is "written in heaven" affects my daily living in that.....

First reading

Isaiah 66:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

**Towards Jerusalem I send flowing
peace, like a river**

Rejoice, Jerusalem,
be glad for her, all you who love her!
Rejoice, rejoice for her,
all you who mourned her!

That you may be suckled, filled,
from her consoling breast,
that you may savour with delight
her glorious breasts.

For thus says the Lord:
Now towards her I send flowing
peace, like a river,
and like a stream in spate
the glory of the nations.

At her breast will her nurslings be carried
and fondled in her lap.
Like a son comforted by his mother
will I comfort you.
And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.

At the sight your heart will rejoice,
and your bones flourish like the grass.
To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

65:1-7, 16, 20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second reading

Galatians 6:14-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

**The marks on my body are those of
Jesus**

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Colossians 3:15,16

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Your peace will rest on that man

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road.

'Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house.

'Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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