



# 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 3

Monday - No Mass  
St Benedict, abbot  
Tuesday - No Mass  
Wednesday -  
Communion Service  
7:00pm  
St Henry  
Thursday - No Mass  
St Camillus de Lellis, priest  
Friday - No Mass  
St Bonaventure, bishop  
Saturday - 9:00am  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel

## NEXT SUNDAY

16/17 JULY

(16th 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

Anointing of the Sick  
Contact the Parish Office  
or Fr Dominic 0423 420 639

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)  
9th & 10th July, 2022

## The Good Samaritan

A married couple went to Las Vegas for a holiday break. One evening Jane (the wife) went downstairs to play the poker machines while her husband was sleeping. She won one thousand dollars in coins. She decided to carry the whole bucket of coins to show her husband how lucky she is. The lift opened, Jane entered but immediately felt threatened when she saw two black American men already standing inside the lift, one skinny but the other was very big. She wanted to back out but the lift door had already closed. She turned her back to the men and tried to hide her money from their sight. Jane was thinking that they are going to rob her. Then Jane heard a voice saying "*hit the ground!*" Without thinking she fell on the floor while calling out "*take the money but don't hurt me.*" She felt a very strong arm picking her up, the big man said to her "*I'm sorry, I didn't mean to scare you, I told my friend to press the ground button*". The men then escorted her to her room. Jane went inside still hearing the men's laughter along the corridor. The next morning there was a knock on the door, a man delivered a big bunch of flowers and a note saying "*Thank you for a good laugh we hadn't had for a long time.*" signed Eddie Murphy and Michael Jordan.

The story of the Good Samaritan we read today in the Gospel tells us that true love cuts across all racial and cultural prejudice. The Samaritans were a despised people in those days. Jesus cuts through this prejudice by making the Samaritan the hero of his story. He even goes further, he identifies himself with the Samaritan. The way you treat the Samaritan becomes the way that you treat him, Christ. The lack of response from the priest and the Levite came from selfishness. What will happen to me if I get involved? Do I get anything out of this? Meanwhile the Samaritan's response was love; which came from the selfless self that put the welfare of the other before himself and in this way truly relate to God. What will happen to this man if I do not help?

Let us pray that our life be less concerned about what we can get from God and others but more about what we can give and share with others. May our prayer be a total openness to reality, a reality with God, who calls us to transcend ourselves.

## Catechism of the Catholic Church

2447: the works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbour in his spiritual and bodily necessities....The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God.

## We pray

**For ourselves that we may show our love for God by showing charity to our neighbour in need.**

**For St Vincent de Paul Society and other charitable organisations that God will bless their work in helping the needy. For the refugees and asylum seekers that we will welcome them with compassion and kindness.**



### Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Sacred Scripture celebrated the beauty of Carmel where the prophet Elijah defended the purity of Israel's faith in the living God. In the twelfth century, hermits withdrew to that mountain and later founded the Carmelite order devoted to the contemplative life under the patronage of Mary, the holy Mother of God.

Devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel is worldwide, and most Catholics are familiar with the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, also known as the Brown Scapular. Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock on July 16, 1251, and gave him the scapular with the following words, which are preserved in a fourteenth century narrative: "This will be for you and for all Carmelites the privilege, that he who dies in this will not suffer eternal fire." The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was instituted for the Carmelites in 1332, and extended to the whole Church by Benedict XIII in 1726.

**Feast Day: July 16**

### The Context of the Synoptic Gospels: the Gospel of Luke

The author of the Gospel of Luke is thought to have been a Syrian, from the city of Antioch, who was a physician and friend and fellow traveller of St Paul named Luked. His Gospel may have been written around the time of the destruction of the Jewish Temple, between AD 65 and 85. It is almost impossible to know where it was written, but Scholars have suggested one of the cities in Greece, perhaps Conrith. Luke is clearly writing for Gentile Christians. The person to whom his gospel is addressed has a Greek name, Theophilus, and he declares throughout the gospel that the salvation of Christ is offered to non-Jews. The author is clearly deeply influenced by the Old Testament, even though he seldom quotes it directly. Luke is writing in a period of great expansion for the infant Church. The early Christians have accepted that the Second Coming of Christ may not occur for a long time, and they have learned to concentrate on issues of day-to-day Christian life, work, Christian love and prayer. The most important theme of Luke's gospel is that Jesus is Saviour for all, Gentiles, outcasts and sinners alike.

### 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 has come to an end and new Planned Giving Envelopes for the Parish 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 Benedict** was a mere teenager when he left the sinful world to live a life fasting and praying in the desert mountains. After years of prayer, word of his holiness brought nearby monks to ask for his leadership. He warned them he would be too strict for them, but they insisted. He set up twelve monasteries in Subiaco where monks lived in separate communities of twelve. Benedict left these monasteries when envious attacks made it impossible to continue the spiritual leadership he had taken.

It was in Monte Cassino he founded the monastery that became the roots of the Church's monastic system. Instead of founding small separate communities he gathered his disciples into one whole community. His own sister, Saint Scholastica, settled nearby to live a religious life.

In Latin the meaning of the name Benedict is: blessed. From benedictus meaning blessed. Famous bearers: 6th-century Italian saint Benedict of Nursia founded the Benedictine order of monks and nuns.

**Feast Day: July 11**

**Patron: Students and Europe**



**St Henry** was born in 972. He received an excellent education under the care of St. Wolfgang, Bishop of Ratisbon. In 995, St. Henry succeeded his father as Duke of Bavaria, and in 1002, upon the death of his cousin, Otho III, he was elected emperor. Firmly anchored upon the great eternal truths, which the practice of meditation kept alive in his heart, he was not elated by this dignity and sought in all things, the greater glory of God. He was most watchful over the welfare of the Church and exerted his zeal for the maintenance of ecclesiastical discipline through the instrumentality of the Bishops. He gained several victories over his enemies, both at home and abroad, but he used these with great moderation and clemency. In 1014, he went to Rome and received the imperial crown at the hands of Pope Benedict VIII.

The humility and spirit of justice of the Saint were equal this zeal for religion. Both he and his wife, St. Cunegundes, lived in perpetual chastity, to which they had bound themselves by vow. The Saint made numerous pious foundations, gave liberally to pious institutions and built the Cathedral of Bamberg. His holy death occurred at the castle of Grone, near Halberstad, in 1024.

**Feast Day: July 13**

**Patron of the childless, of Dukes, of the handicapped and those rejected by Religious Order**



**St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor. Memorial.**

Born at Bagnoregio (Italy) about 1218. Died at Lyons (France) on this day in 1274. He joined the Franciscans when studying in Paris and eventually became minister general of the order. Later appointed cardinal-bishop of Albano and died assisting Pope Gregory X during the Council of Lyons. Known as the "Seraphic Doctor". Remembered as a teacher, for his extensive biblical and mystical writings, and for his holiness, gentleness, and compassion.

**Feast Day: July 15**

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:jbmgroup@gmail.com) or call/SMS Daniel on 0411 254 520.

## Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

*Catarina Tam Moc Tra Nguyen*  
*Lilly Grace Stipic Goncalves*

May they always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout their life.



### Family's Prayer:

Heavenly Father, grant that our families may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Make us ever more mindful of the sacredness and beauty of the family in God's plan.

### 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.

## UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Tuesday 20th September** - Confirmation

**Wednesday 21st September** - Confirmation

**Thursday 22nd September**—Confirmation

**Thursday 29th September** - Ignite Conference

**Friday 2nd December** - Christmas Carol

Further information will be provided closer to the dates.

### 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](mailto:John.nguyen@sydneycatholic.org) for the Discount Code

Read more about the conference online:

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

## Granting us life, nourishment and strength

The sacraments are divided into:

- (1) the sacraments of **Christian initiation** (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist);
- (2) the sacraments of **healing** (Reconciliation and Anointing of the sick); and
- (3) the sacraments **at the service of communion and mission** (Holy Orders and Matrimony).



In September some of our brothers and sisters shall receive the sacrament of Confirmation. It is called *Confirmation* because it confirms and strengthens baptismal grace. The rite of Confirmation entails the anointing with Sacred Chrism and the laying on of hands. The effect of Confirmation is a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit like that of Pentecost – giving special strength to witness to the Christian faith.

*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,

Anniversary: Rina FAVOTTO, Agostino CAVALLARO, Helen ZERAFA.

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:

### 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year C)

First Reading: Gen 18:1-10

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

## Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ What I find challenging about Jesus' reply "who is my neighbour?" is.....
- ♦ To "inherit eternal life," I must love..... by.....
- ♦ I know God loves me personally, extravagantly, and continually because.....

## First reading

**Deut. 30:10-14**

### A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

### The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37**

**Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me.

*Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.*

As for me in my poverty and pain  
let your help, O God, lift me up.  
I will praise God's name with a song;  
I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

*Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.*

The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.

*Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.*

For God will bring help to Zion  
and rebuild the cities of Judah  
and men shall dwell there in possession.  
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;  
those who love his name shall dwell there.

*Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.*

## Second reading

**Col. 1:15-20**

### A reading from letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God  
and the first-born of all creation,  
for in him were created  
all things in heaven and on earth:  
everything visible and everything invisible,  
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –  
all things were created through him and for him.  
Before anything was created, he existed,

and he holds all things in unity.  
Now the Church is his body,  
he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,  
he was first to be born from the dead,  
so that he should be first in every way;  
because God wanted all perfection  
to be found in him  
and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,  
everything in heaven and everything on earth,  
when he made peace  
by his death on the cross.

### The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

**cf John 6:63c, 68c**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;  
you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

**Lk. 10:25-37**

### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

### The Gospel of the Lord



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