



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 - No Mass
Wednesday - 7:00pm
St Apollinaris, bishop, martyr
Thursday - 9am
St Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor
Friday - 9am
St Mary Magdalene
Saturday - 9:00am
St Bridget, religious

NEXT SUNDAY

23/24 JULY

(17th 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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 16th & 17th July, 2022

Make time for what is important

During the second term of school break, many parents tried hard to keep their children busy with activities, games, sport and holidays. Now school resumes again, there are parents who feel exhausted but relieved because the children are now supervised by their teachers. This general feeling might be a modern parable on the issue that Jesus tackles in today's Gospel story.

Jesus drops by to visit his friends Mary and Martha. Martha fussed about getting a meal for Jesus and his disciples, while Mary sits listening to him. Martha complains about the unfairness of the situation but Jesus seems to support what Mary is doing by saying, "*Martha, Martha you worry and fret about so many things and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.*" Jesus advised Martha that she should not be preoccupied by the everyday chores. It is these worldly preoccupations that give us all our worries and anxieties. Like Mary we should sit at the feet of Our Lord at least once a day and listen to what He is saying to us.

This story is not a disapproval of activity and an extolling of contemplation. Last week the parable of the Good Samaritan has the clear message that you cannot be a loving person if you do not get up and do something for others. This story makes the point that if our activity is to be wise and fruitful there must also be times of stillness, of prayer, of being in touch with our inner world and being open to intimacy so that we can hear the inner world of others.

Parents can give their children a lot but one of the most important things is your time and being present to them. Let us pray that our inner spiritual and emotional lives will be integrated with our daily activities, as we willingly make time to enriching and deepening our spiritual and prayer life.

I think people who have brothers or sisters don't realize how lucky they are. Sure, they fight a lot, but they know that there's always somebody there, somebody that's family. -- Trey Parker





St Lawrence of Brindisi Lawrence was born on July 22, 1559, and died exactly 60 years later on his birthday in 1619. His parents William and Elizabeth Russo gave him the name of Julius Caesar Caesare in Italian. After the early death of his parents, he was educated by his uncle at the College of St. Mark in Venice. The most remarkable quality of Lawrence of Brindisi is his outstanding gift of languages. In addition to a thorough knowledge of his native Italian, he had complete reading and speaking ability in Latin, Hebrew, Greek, German, Bohemian, Spanish, and French. Lawrence's sensitivity to the needs of people—a character trait perhaps unexpected in such a talented scholar—began to surface. He was elected major superior of the Capuchin Franciscan province of Tuscany at the age of 31. He had the combination of brilliance, human compassion, and administrative skill needed to carry out his duties. In rapid succession he was promoted by his fellow Capuchins and was elected minister general of the Capuchins in 1602. In this position he was responsible for great growth and geographical expansion of the Order. Lawrence was appointed papal emissary and peacemaker, a job which took him to a number of foreign countries. An effort to achieve peace in his native kingdom of Naples took him on a journey to Lisbon to visit the king of Spain. Serious illness in Lisbon took his life in 1619. In 1956, the Capuchins completed a 15-volume edition of Lawrence's writings.

Feast Day: July 21

Gently Integrating our Shadow-side Toward Wholeness, Saturday 6 Aug 2022, 1pm-4.30pm AEST, attend via Zoom or in-person. Our shadow-side is not some deep, dark pathology within us to be feared. Although we are unaware of our shadow-side operating within us, it nevertheless shapes our living, in that our shadow-side expresses itself through distorted and unhealthy means. If our shadow-side is unknown to us, how can it be recognised and integrated? Also, how can wholeness and true self be experienced? This reflection event, led by Kaye Twining, BTheol, Grad Dip Spir Dir, MA, will offer an understanding of wholeness, true self and shadow-side and includes a reflective practice for gently integrating our shadow-side toward wholeness. Cost \$50. Book and pay by 29/7/22 via www.heartoflife.melbourne Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern VIC, email office@heartoflife.melbourne or tel (03) 9890 1101

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 Apollinaris

St. Apollinaris was one of the most illustrious bishops of the second century. He addressed an "Apology," that is a defence, of the Christian religion to the emperor Marcus Aurelius, who, shortly before, had obtained a signal victory over the Quadi, a people inhabiting the country now called Moravia. One of his legions, the twelfth, was composed chiefly of Christians. When the army was perishing for want of water, the soldiers of this legion fell upon their knees and invoked the assistance of God. The result was sudden, for a copious rain fell, and, aided by the storm, they conquered the Germans. The emperor gave this legion the name "Thundering Legion" and mitigated his persecution.

It was to protect his flock against persecution that St. Apollinaris, who was bishop of Hierapolis in Phrygia, addressed his apology to the Emperor to implore his protection and to remind him of the favour he had received from God through the prayers of the Christians.

Feast Day: July 20



Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we know she was present with Christ during his public ministry, serving Jesus and his Disciples. She was present at his death and was the

first witness to His resurrection. She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels. Mary Magdalene has long been regarded as a prostitute but this is not supported in the scriptures. It is believed she was a Jewish woman who lived among Gentiles, living as they did. The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. Jesus saving her gave us an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God. After the death of Christ, a legend states that she remained among the early Christians. After fourteen years, she was allegedly put into a boat by Jews, along with several other saints of the early Church, and set adrift without sails or oars. The boat landed in southern France, where she spent the remaining years of her life living in solitude, in a cave.

Feast Day: July 22



St Bridget of Sweden was born in 1303. Bridget married into the Swedish royal family and lovingly raised eight children, one of whom came to be known as St. Catherine of Sweden. Bridget and her husband followed her father's example of caring for people in need. She even arranged

for a hospital to be built on their estate. The hospital was open to all. When her husband died, Bridget gave away all her possessions. She founded a double monastery for men and women who lived apart, but worshipped together. The religious order was known as the Order of the Most Holy Saviour, or the Brigittines. Because of her holiness, Bridget was declared a saint only 18 years after her death in 1373. She is the patron saint of Sweden. In 1999, Pope John Paul II honored her once more: St. Bridget was named co-patron saint of all of Europe along with St. Catherine of Siena and St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, who was known as Edith Stein.

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.

Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Rosalee Trimboli
Chloe Grace Law



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



CONFIRMATION will take place on **Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd September at 7:00pm** in the Church.

Enrolments will be held in the Parish Hall on the following days and times:

Saturday 30th July 4:00pm to 5:15pm and 6:30pm to 7:15pm and

Sunday 31st July 9:00am to 11:30am

Please bring with you to enrolments a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate and \$30.00 to cover program costs.

Any enquiries please contact Linda Barilla on 0409 914 083.



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.



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.

Communication & Relationships, Saturday 23 Jul 2022, 12.30pm-5pm AEST, attend via Zoom or in-person. A fundamental aspect of any relationship - with God or people - is Communication. This event looks at the different aspects of communication and their strengths and weaknesses in daily life. It offers a practical approach to communication and relationships. This session will be led by James Areechira svd. Cost \$60 (BYO lunch). Book and pay by 18/7/22 via www.heartoflife.melbourne Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern VIC,



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 for the Discount Code

Read more about the conference online:

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

Mindfulness & Meditation, Saturday 30 Jul 2022, 10am-2pm AEST

online via Zoom. When we are present to the 'now', centredness and relaxation become a natural part of life, and we know how to act from a heart of love. This is a day of prayer in the practice of Mindfulness & Meditation. We invite you to bring an open mind and heart to journey with others and within one self. This day is led by Paola Cheng, a qualified meditation teacher, spiritual director and social worker, who brings an inclusive and gentle approach to her sessions. Cost \$50. Book and pay by 25/7/22 via www.heartoflife.melbourne Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern VIC, email office@heartoflife.melbourne or tel (03) 9890 1101

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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: Berty HECTOR, Mirella ZULIC, Symond GEORGES, Andrea MARAMBIO

Anniversary: Maria NAPULI, Clarinda FRANCIS, Gilberte FARLA

Other: Francisco Kim Van NGUYEN, John Kim Vinh NGUYEN, Maria Kim An NGUYEN, Joseph Vinh TRAN, Anna Ly TRAN, Elizabeth Linh TRAN and other family members, 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:

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year C)

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ As I watch Martha and Mary, I am more like..... because.....
- ♦ To be less "anxious and worried" and become more attentive to the needs of those around me, I need to.....
- ♦ What helps me remain aware that I am encountering Jesus when I welcome/receive a guest is.....

First reading

Genesis 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

'Next year your wife Sarah will have a son'

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah.' 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

14:2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second reading

Colossians 1:24-28

A reading from letter of St Paul to the Colossians

A mystery hidden for generations has been revealed to God's saints

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

cf Luke 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart

and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Martha works; Mary listens

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord

