



# 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 1

Monday - No Mass  
*St James, apostle*  
Tuesday - No Mass  
*St Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Wednesday - 7:00pm  
Thursday - 9am  
Friday - 9am  
*Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus*  
Saturday - 9:00am  
*St Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor*

### NEXT SUNDAY

30/31 JULY

(18th 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

## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 23rd & 24th July, 2022

There was a man driving around the block looking for a parking spot. He could not find one, so he parked his car in a 'No parking zone.' He put a note on the windscreen saying, "I have circled around the block for ten minutes and I am late for an appointment. My apology! PS. Forgive us our trespasses." Hopefully, he will get away with a fine! Half an hour later, the man came back to his car and found a ticket on the windscreen and a note which reads: "I have been working around here for ten years, if I don't book you I might lose my job. PS. Do not lead us into temptation."

In the Gospel today, at the disciples' request, "Lord, teach us to pray." Jesus taught his disciples 'the Lord's prayer', which every Christian around the world knows by heart. We pray the prayer everyday whether privately or communally. The "Our Father" is a beautiful guide to relationship. It gives us the value of having God at the centre of our lives. We are called to accept this first basic truth that we have a loving heavenly father whose will is our goal of life. "Give us today our daily bread," It invites us to deal realistically with ourselves and our own needs. Furthermore, the prayer tells us that the attitude of forgiveness is essential if we are to relate well with others.

The prayer also asks God not to tempt us beyond our strength. When we spend time to reflect on our lives, we see that many difficult things have happened to us, yet it was these trials that really made us into the people that we are. These happenings could also have broken us. So, this prayer is an appeal then that the struggles in life will strengthen us rather than break us.

Let us pray that we will savor the prayer, and by reflecting on its meaning we will find the richness and be drawn closer in union with God.



### Catechism of the Catholic Church.

2765 The traditional expression 'the Lord's Prayer' – oratio Dominica – means that the prayer to our Father is taught and given to us by the Lord Jesus. The prayer that comes to us from Jesus is truly unique: it is 'of the Lord'. On the other hand, in the words of this prayer the only Son gives us the words the Father gave him: he is the master of our prayer. On the other, as Word incarnate, he knows in his human heart the needs of his human brothers and sisters and reveals them to us: he is the model of our prayer.



### St Peter Chrysologus

St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Born at Imola, Italy in 380, St. Peter was baptised, educated, and ordained a deacon by Cornelius, Bishop of Imola. St. Peter merited being called "Chrysologus" (golden-worded) from his exceptional oratorical eloquence. In 433, Pope Sixtus III consecrated him bishop of Ravenna. He practiced many corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and ruled his flock with utmost diligence and care. He extirpated the last vestiges of paganism and other abuses that had sprouted among his people, cautioning them especially against indecent dancing. "Anyone who wishes to frolic with the devil," he remarked, "cannot rejoice with Christ." He also counseled the heretic Eutyches (who had asked for his support) to avoid causing division but to learn from the other heretics who were crushed when they hurled themselves against the Rock of Peter. He died at Imola, Italy in 450 and in 1729 was made a Doctor of the Church, largely as a result of his simple, practical, and clear sermons which have come down to us, nearly all dealing with Gospel subjects. **Feast Day: July 30**

### Natural Fertility Awareness Week August 22 -28

Natural Fertility Awareness Week is dedicated to helping women understand their fertility and manage it without the need for drugs, devices or invasive techniques. Once learned, fertility awareness can be used throughout a woman's reproductive life, even when her cycles are not regular. The theme for Natural Fertility Awareness Week 2022 is "Fertility Literacy – Get the Know How" Monitoring your fertility health is easy when you know how to do it accurately. Visit [www.billings.life](http://www.billings.life) for more information on events in your area.

- *This is the link to the **Vinnies Metropolitan Schools and Youth Term 3 2022 Newsletter:** <https://bit.ly/Term-3-Metro-Schools-News>*
- *The 2022 edition of the **Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP)** for students in Years 4 – 6 is available for those who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. For more information please go to <https://bit.ly/VinniesMVFP>*

### 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 James

Nothing is known of St. James the Greater's early life. He is the brother of St John the Evangelist (sons of Zebedee and Salome). The title "the Greater" was added to St. James' name to help distinguish him from the Apostle James "the Less," who is believed to have been shorter than James "the Greater." Saint James the Greater was one of Jesus' first disciples. James was one of only three called by Jesus to witness his Transfiguration, and when he and his brother wanted to call fire upon a Samaritan town, both were rebuked by Jesus. Following Christ's Ascension, James spread the Gospel across Israel and the Roman kingdom as well. He travelled and spread the Word for nearly forty years in Spain. It is said that one day, as he prayed, The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him and asked him to build her a church, which he did. Later, James returned to Jerusalem and was martyred for his faith by King Herod, who decapitated him. He was the first apostle to die. **Feast Day: July 25**



**Sts Joachim and Anne** are the parents of the Virgin Mary. There are no mentions of them in the Bible or Gospels, what we know comes from Catholic legend and the Gospel of James, which is an unsanctioned, apocryphal writing from the second century AD. Even the early Church fathers expressed scepticism about the Gospel of James in their writings. There are about

150 copies of the ancient manuscript which often have different titles, but tell the same story, that Mary was promised to Joachim and Anne by an angel, was consecrated to God, and she remained a virgin all her life. Naturally, there is plenty of room for scholarly debate about these saints. We have no true primary sources that prove they even existed, but certainly we can agree that Mary had parents. Mary had good, faithful parents who raised her with a love and devotion to God like none other except Jesus Christ Himself. Joachim and Anne serve as role models for parents and both deserve to be honoured and emulated for their devotion to God and Our Lady Mary, the Mother of God. **Feast Day: July 26**



### Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus were evidently close friends of Jesus. He came to their home simply as a welcomed guest. The sisters feel free to call on Jesus at their brother's death, even though a return to Judea at that time seems almost certain death. No doubt

Martha was an active sort of person. On one occasion, she prepares the meal for Jesus and possibly his fellow guests and forthrightly states the obvious: All hands should pitch in to help with the dinner.

Martha's great glory is her simple and strong statement of faith in Jesus after her brother's death. "Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world'" (John 11:25-27)

**Feast Day: July 29**

## 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.



**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](mailto: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.

### HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOS

First Holy Communion photos will be available for collection from the **Church Meeting Room between 6:30pm and 8:30pm on Monday 1st August and Tuesday 2nd August.**

Enquiries: Maria Giglio on 0407 662 535



### Can you undertake an Overseas Mission?

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these **Mission opportunities abroad**. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. **Palms Australia**, who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. **Enquire online** or **Ph: 0422 742 567** to find out about a placement to engage your skills. You can register for a Webinar on Monday August 1 at 7:00pm.



### 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 HOUSEIE VOLUNTEERS:

We are in need of volunteers to help with our Parish Houseie 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/>

### The Bishops Blend Breakfast

Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace?

Then join Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on Monday 8th August at 7am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney for The Bishop's Blend Breakfast for Young Professionals.

Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/the-bishops-blend/tbbx> or contact us at [bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org)



### 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](mailto: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: Guisepina ANDRONACO, 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 CEFAI, Melda MIZZI, Rita SHAH, Virgilio MARIANO, Kristian SERIC, Gary LOMAS, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Giuseppina LETTIERI

Recently Deceased: Bertie HECTOR

Anniversary: Irena SMOLINSKI, Guia Miranda DEL VALLE, Maria CIRCOSTA, Cosimo CIRCOSTA, Casimero CASTO

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:

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year C)**

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

## Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ The part of the Lord's Prayer that I need to ponder (and live) more deeply is .....
- ♦ Times when persistence in prayer leads me to desire what God wants for me .....
- ♦ In my prayer life, the degree to which I ask the Father for the Holy Spirit is..... because.....

## First reading

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

**Genesis 18:20-32**

### Abraham negotiates with the Lord

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

## The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

**137:1-3, 6-8**

**Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple.

**Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul.

**Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of affliction  
you give me life and frustrate my foes.

**Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands.

**Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

## Second reading

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

**Colossians 2:12-14**

### Christ has brought you to life with him and forgiven us all our sins

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

## The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

**Romans 8:15**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

**Luke 11:1-13**

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

### How to pray

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'

He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,  
your kingdom come;  
give us each day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.  
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them:

'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

## The Gospel of the Lord



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