



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 Januarius, bishop, martyr

Tuesday - 8:00am

St Andrew Kim Tae-gon,
priest, martyr Paul Chong Ha-
sang & companions, martyrs

Wednesday - 7:00pm

St Matthew, apostle,
evangelist

Thursday - 9:00am

Friday - 9:00am

St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest

Saturday - 9:00am

NEXT SUNDAY

24/25 SEPTEMBER

(26th 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:

Wednesday 7.30pm

Saturday 4:15 – 5:00pm

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office

or Fr Dominic 0423 420 639

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 17th & 18th September, 2022

Make use of all good things wisely

There was a very rich businessman who has a few more days to live, so he called his three sons to his bed and said to them, "I want you each to put one million dollars in my coffin when you bury me." After he died, on the viewing night, the eldest son came forward and placed one million dollars into the coffin. Next, the second son came forward and he too placed one million dollars in cash into the coffin. The youngest son then came forward, he wrote out a cheque for three million dollars, put it under his father's head and he took out two million dollars change which belong to his brothers. He did the right thing surely, because money means nothing for the dead father.

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us that "No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money." We all use money to buy things and to make our life comfortable. It is not so much that money and the comfort that it buys is bad in itself. The problem is when we come to serve it, and being controlled by it.



The Gospel today highlights how we use our money, and not letting money control and use us. "Use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity." Money, and what it buys, is to serve us; to answer our needs.

Money is a means for us to be closer to God and deepen our relationship with others, but if money prevents us from doing this then we need to reconsider how we view money. It is essential for survival that our basic needs be met. But if our basic needs and the pleasure we seek become the purpose of our lives then we are stuck in a dead end. We are called to transcendence and it is in this that we find real joy. Very often we get caught in our material or emotional or sexual needs and these prevent us from becoming the persons that we were meant to be 'created in the image of God'.

Let us pray that we will wisely make use of all the good things: money, talents, gifts that God has given us to draw closer to God who is the purpose and meaning of our life.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

952. '...Everything the true Christian has is to be regarded as a good possessed in common with everyone else. All Christians should be ready and eager to come to the help of the needy...and of their neighbours in want.' A Christian is the steward of the Lord's goods.

'Walking with Wisdom Series' (in person or via Zoom), 4 x Thursdays, 6-27 October 2022, 10am-12.30pm. This series offers a time to explore the depths of wisdom in our own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another ... to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Led by spiritual directors Carole Carmody rsm and Julie Adam. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$30 per session or \$100 for the series. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, email office@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.

"Pre-Advent" Weekend Parish Retreat to the Snowy Region

Friday morning 11 November 2022 to
Sunday evening 13 November 2022

Visiting Cooma, Dalgety, Jindabyne, Thredbo, Berridale
Ring 9604 8927, or see Details on the brochure in the foyer or from Father.

National Catholic Men's Gathering

MAX2022 in Sydney @ Benedict XVI Retreat Centre: Oct 7-9

MAX2022 is a National Catholic Gathering of men which is a collaboration between menALIVE and the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation.

The theme this year is—RENEW / REFRESH / RECONNECT. After several years of almost no live events, we are looking forward to gather to listen, learn and long for the fullness of life. We desire to grow into the men we were made to be, better husbands, fathers, and men of God.

Men from all over Australia will join us and there will be nothing this year in Australia like it!

Online registrations open now: <https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/MAX2022Syd>

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliari Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2023 to work with young people in our Salesian communities with disadvantaged young people in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31st, 2022. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliari.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

St. Mary's Liverpool Class of '72 - 50 Year Reunion

12.00pm Saturday 22 October 2022
Liverpool Catholic Club

Organisers - Bronwyn Seconi & Karen Hood Contact our Facebook Page "St. Mary's Liverpool'72" or alternatively bronwynkrauze@bigpond.com

Embrace the Call to Global Mission

American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of these [Mission opportunities abroad](#) and mentor those with little other opportunity. You will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.

[Enquire online](#) or Ph: 0422 742 567 and Register for a Webinar on **Saturday September 24th at 11:30am** where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our **13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16th to 28th**.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: The new roster is now available for collection.

Ministries Next Week 24/25 Sept	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	A Vlahadamis G Turnbull	L Barilla J Finucane	S Ives N Laureti	
EUCCHARIST MINISTERS:	C Araco T Micali B Empeigne	S Xuereb L Agoo Delicia Vella	S D'Cruz S Hambrook E Villegas	

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

Join us to learn together to live your best life in love!

Join us on 28-30 October 2022

At Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney.

Book online at www.wvme.org.au

or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419

Feasts of the Week



St Januarius

St. Januarius was born in Italy and was bishop of Benevento during the Emperor Diocletian persecution. Bishop Januarius went to visit two deacons and two laymen in prison. He was then also imprisoned along with his deacon and lector. They were thrown to the wild beasts, but when the animals did not attack them, they were beheaded. What is believed to be Januarius' blood is kept in Naples, as a relic. It liquifies and bubbles when exposed in the cathedral. Scientists have not been able to explain this miracle to date. St. Januarius lived and died around 305 A.D.

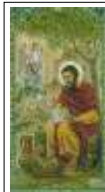
Feast Day: September 19



Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon priest, martyr and Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, martyrs. Memorial

Andrew Kim Taegon was the first Korean presbyter and Paul Chong Hasang a catechist and lay apostle. After more than two centuries of lay leadership, the Church in Korea was subject to fierce persecutions between 1839 and 1867. This feast commemorates 103 of the numerous Korean martyrs, representatives from all walks of life: men and women, married and unmarried, the elderly, teenagers and children, missionary bishops and presbyters. Remembered for their fearless witness in the face of torture and death.

Feast Day: September 20



St Matthew

Little is known about St. Matthew, except that he was the son of Alpheus, and he was likely born in Galilee. He worked as a tax collector, which was a hated profession during the time of Christ. According to the Gospel, Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Christ came to him and asked, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ. From Matthew we know of the many doings of Christ and the message Christ spread of salvation for all who come to God through Him. The Gospel account of Matthew tells the same story as that found in the other three Gospels, so scholars are certain of its authenticity. His book is the first of the four Gospels in the New Testament. Many years following the death of Christ, around 41 and 50 AD, Matthew wrote his gospel account. He wrote the book in Aramaic in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah and that His kingdom had been fulfilled in a spiritual way. It was an important message at a time when almost everyone was expecting the return of a militant messiah brandishing a sword. Nothing is recorded of Matthew's passing. We do not know how he died, if his death was natural or if he was martyred.

Feast Day: September 21



St Pius Pietrelcina, priest. Memorial

Born on 25 May 1887 in Pietrelcina (Italy). Died on this day in 1968 at San Giovanni Rotondo (Italy). Raised in a deeply religious rural home, Francesco Forgione became Padre Pio when he was ordained in the Capuchin order in 1910. A mystic who received the marks of the stigmata in 1918, a renowned holy man, and a charity worker who founded a hospital (the House for the Relief of Suffering). His ascetic life of pain led to special compassion for the suffering. Remembered as an extraordinary confessor and spiritual director.

Feast Day: September 23



Baptisms: If you wish to Baptise your child please contact the parish office to make an appointment with Fr Dominic.



CONFIRMATION: We congratulate all the children who will be Confirmed this coming Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Pontifical Requiem Mass for Queen Elizabeth II

To mark the life and reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP will celebrate a Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on **Saturday 24th September 2022 at 10.00am.**

CATECHIST NEWS

I wish to formally thank all the wonderful catechists, helpers and student catechists who have diligently attended and ran their classes continuously now for almost three terms.

There are always **vacancies** at our schools due to work commitments or well earned travel holidays. **We are in need of a Yr 3 or 4 Catechist at Governor Philip King Primary on Tuesdays from 9:30-10:00am. If you are interested please contact Connie Giannone on 0431 694 007.**

Any enquiries regarding the Catechist Ministry please feel free to contact me 0408 465 149.

Together we proclaim the Gospel to little children.
Nina



Men put faith on display. To join the men's group or to find out more, email jbm@johnthebaptist.org.au 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.



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 Carols

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/>



2022 Annual Marriage Mass

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2022? Renew your vows to each other at Annual Marriage Mass celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Anthony Fisher at 10:30am on **Sunday the 16th October at St Mary's Cathedral.** All families welcome!

Please RSVP by the 12th of September at <https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/marriage-mass/marriagemass22>.

For any queries, phone 9307 8480.

email lifemarriagefamily@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. 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: Theresa MERCIECA, Avelino San BUENAVENTURA, Guiseppina ANDRONACO, Mariola, Rita DALLI, Alexander (Sandy) ANDERSON, Jessie ZAMMIT, John DEMICOLI, Judy DIVANI, Bozana VUKOV, Lachlan BENSON, Gino BORG, Gung Jec MENG, Cindy CALDEJON, Julia CEFAL, Melda MIZZI, Rita SHAH, Virgilio MARIANO, Kristian SERIC, Gary LOMAS

Recently Deceased: Elsa ZILLOTTO, Ginevra STANTE, Acasio CARVAILHO, Jean Jimmy LAFLEUR, Antonio MULTARI, Giuseppina LETTIERI, Giuseppe LETTIERI

Anniversary: Ghazwan KOREAL, Violet Linda ANDERSON, Luciano MORASSUT

Other: Hazem KOREAL, Gazala KOREAL, Goro KHAMMO, Hani KHOSHABA, Gardeni HANA, Hana MANSOR, Saro YONAN, Varto HANA, Margo HANA, Jehad HANA, Michael GRIMA, Marion FENECH, Jimmy FENECH and Maryanne 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: Victoria Baltazar
Men's Group: Branko Poljak

For any inquiries, please call the parish office.

Next Sunday:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year C)

First Reading: Amos 6:1, 4-7

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ Jesus uses the dishonest steward to teach me that....
- ♦ Some examples which show that I am serving God over "mammon" are.....
- ♦ I am using my "Mammon" to serve God whenever I.....

First reading

A reading from the prophet Amos

Amos 8:4-7

I will never forget your deeds, you who trample on the needy

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

112:1-2, 4-8

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dunghill he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Second reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Pray for everyone to God, who wants everyone to be saved

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith

and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

You cannot be the slave of both God and money

Jesus said to his disciples:

'There was a rich man and he had a steward denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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