



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
Sts Cosmas and Damian,
martyrs

Tuesday - 8:00am
St Vincent de Paul, priest
Wednesday - 7:00pm
Sts Wenceslaus, martyr and
St Lawrence Ruiz and
companions, martyrs

Thursday - 9:00am
Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael,
archangels
Friday - 9:00am
St Jerome, priest, doctor

Saturday - 7.30 & 9:00am
St Therese of the Child Jesus,
virgin, doctor

NEXT SUNDAY

1/2 OCTOBER

(27th 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 8.15am

Reconciliations:
Wednesday 7.30pm
Saturday 4:15 – 5:00pm

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)
24th & 25th September, 2022

Reach out

In 1992, Reuter broadcasted a news in South Korea, Reverent Lijenrim claimed the end of the world will happen in a few months time; he called all his followers to donate their possessions before it is too late, so that he can take them with him to paradise when the time comes. He collected more than four million dollars from those who believed in his claim. When the police came to search his premises, they found documents about his investments with the banks up to the year 2000. The man who claimed the end of time but was contradicting himself by his actions, is motivated by greed. His only concern is wealth and possessions not the suffering of those who were deceived by his claim.

In today's Gospel we read about a rich man (no name) and Lazarus a poor man. Jesus did not curse the rich man but his attitude towards his possessions, which prevented him from seeing a poor man who was in need right in front of him. *"At his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table."* The message is very clear. If we do not help the needy we are not a friend of Christ. We do not normally see such a poor man in our society, but there are many of such in the under-developed countries. Today's readings call us to open our hearts and eyes to see what needs to be done in our daily lives. I know some parents who think as long as they can provide all material needs for their children then they have fulfilled their role. I agree that children in our society want a lot, but what they want most is their parents' care, support, guidance and being present, role model to them.



Let us pray that we will generously make use of what God has entrusted to us, may we enrich our lives by reaching out to those who are in need. *"You must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle."* (Tim 6:11)

Catechism of the Catholic Church

2831 But the presence of those who hunger because they lack bread opens up another profound meaning of this petition. ('Give us this day our daily bread.') The drama of hunger in the world call Christians who pray sincerely to exercise responsibility towards their brethren, both in their personal behaviour and in their solidarity with the human family. This petition of the Lord's prayer cannot be isolated from the parables of the poor man Lazarus and the Last Judgement.

**Daylight Saving starts next Sunday morning 2nd October.
Don't forget to move your clocks forward so you won't be
late for Church!**

'Mindfulness & Meditation', via Zoom, Saturday 15 Oct 2022, 10am-2pm (AEST). 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. We invite you to bring an open mind and heart, for these few hours of prayer in the practice of mindfulness and meditation, to journey with others and within oneself. Led by Paola Cheng, a qualified meditation teacher, spiritual director and social worker, who brings an inclusive and gentle approach to her sessions. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$50. Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

Volunteer Accounts Officer/Bookkeeper
Are you a retired Accounts Officer looking to contribute your bookkeeping skills to a Catholic Charity?
Palms Australia facilitates our response, as church, to global communities who seek mentors to build the capacity of their organisations and individuals and so reduce poverty. Securing a part-time volunteer Accounts Officer will allow Palms to use more of their donations to recruit, prepare, send, and support the qualified and experienced Catholics who volunteer for our mission abroad.
 Kevin Wilson will be delighted to discuss the possibilities.
Ph 0412 550 902 OR E-mail kevin@palms.org.au

"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>

'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.

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

Ministries Next Week 1/2 October	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	J Victorino A Pace	J Poljak T Simpson	V Buhajiar E Villegas	A Vanderwert J Lentini
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Feasts of the Week



St Vincent de Paul was born to a poor peasant family in the French village of Pouy on April 24, 1581. His first formal education was provided by the Franciscans. He did so well, he was hired to tutor the children of a nearby wealthy family. He used the monies he earned teaching to continue his formal studies at the University of Toulouse where he studied theology. He was ordained in 1600 and remained in Toulouse for a time. In 1605, while on a ship traveling from Marseilles to Narbonne, he was captured, brought to Tunis and sold as a slave. Two years later he and his master managed to escape and both returned to France. St. Vincent went to Avignon and later to Rome to continue his studies. While there he became a chaplain to the Count of Goigny and was placed in charge of distributing money to the deserving poor. He became pastor of a small parish in Clichy for a short period of time, while also serving as a tutor and spiritual director. From that point forward he spent his life preaching missions to and providing relief to the poor. He even established hospitals for them. This work became his passion. He later extended his concern and ministry to convicts. The need to evangelize and assist these souls was so great and the demands beyond his own ability to meet that he founded the Ladies of Charity, a lay institute of woman, to help, as well as a religious institute of priests - the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, commonly referred to now as the Vincentians. Vincent helped reform the clergy and the manner in which they were instructed and prepared for the priesthood. He did this first through the presentation of retreats and later by helping develop a precursor to our modern day seminaries. The Vincentians remain with us today with nearly 4,000 members in 86 countries. In addition to his order of Vincentian priests, St. Vincent cofounded the Daughters of Charity along with St. Louise de Marillac. He was eighty years old when he died in Paris on September 27, 1660. St. Vincent is sometimes referred to as "The Apostle of Charity" and "The Father of the Poor". **Feast Day: September 27**



Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

Angels are messengers from God. Three of the special messengers mentioned in the Bible are the archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. The names of each of these archangels tell us about the work God gave them to do. Michael (Who is like God?) was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. Gabriel (Strength of God) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. Raphael (Medicine of God) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey. **Feast Day: September 29**



St Jerome was born in 347 in Stridon, Dalmatia, Bethlehem, Palestine and was given the name Eusebius Sophronius Hieronymus. He was a biblical translator and monastic leader, traditionally regarded as the most learned of the Latin Fathers. He lived for a time as a hermit, became a priest, served as secretary to Pope Damasus I, and about 389 established a monastery at Bethlehem. His numerous biblical, ascetical, monastic, and theological works profoundly influenced the early middle ages. He is known particularly for his Latin translation of the Bible, the Vulgate, and his commentaries on the Gospels. He is considered a doctor of the church. Jerome died on September 30, 420. His death was peaceful and he was laid to rest under the Church of the Nativity. His remains were later transferred to Rome. **Feast Day: September 30**



St Therese of the Child Jesus

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, born Marie Françoise-Thérèse Martin, also known as Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, O.C.D., was a French Catholic Discalced Carmelite nun who devoted her life to loving God. As a permanent novice, she would never be able to perform great deeds. She did however scatter flowers, each flower a little sacrifice and a little action for God and love. After not feeling well for sometime, she became gravely ill. She remained silent and cheerful until the end and passed away at the age of 24. She is widely venerated in modern times. She is popularly known as "The Little Flower of Jesus" or simply "The Little Flower". **Feast Day: October 1**



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:

Jameson Angulo

May he always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout his life.



CONFIRMATION THANK YOU

We would like to thank all the group leaders, and parents who have prepared the children for the Sacrament of Confirmation and especially our Sacramental Coordinator Linda Barilla and the Core Group, for their tireless commitment and assistance behind the scenes.



Congratulations to Youran Dawood, Odeh Haddad and Jose Randy Delos Santos who completed their Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion course recently.

CATECHIST NEWS

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 jbmng@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

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/>



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



COLUMBAN CALENDARS are now available to purchase from the Piety store for \$10.00 each.

FOUND: Credit Card in the carpark

Set of Keys in the Church.

Please contact the parish office on 9823 2572



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

Anniversary: Carolina DEL VALLE, Arcadio NAPULI, Iluminada MENDOZA

Other: Michael GRIMA, Marion FENECH, Jimmy FENECH and Maryanne FENECH, Thanksgiving for favours received to St Anthony and St Jude, Thanksgiving



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:

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year C)

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4
Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Gospel: Luke 17:5-9

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ Some "chasms" which exist between people today are.....
- ♦ The poor lying at my door are.....
- ♦ To avoid the mistake of the rich man, I need to examine.....

First reading

A reading from the prophet Amos

Amos 6:1, 4-7

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria,
those famous men of this first of nations
to whom the House of Israel goes as client.
Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like David,
they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord, my soul!

145:6-10

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

1 Timothy 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed
by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,
the King of kings and the Lord of lords,
who alone is immortal,
whose home is in inaccessible light,
whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:
to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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 16:19-31

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord



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