



# 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 - 8:00am

Wednesday 7:00pm

*The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

Thursday - 9:00am

*St Leo the Great pope, doctor*

Friday - 9:00am

*St Martin of Tours, bishop*

Saturday - 9:00am

*St Josaphat, bishop martyr*

## NEXT SUNDAY

12/13 NOVEMBER

*(33rd 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

## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 5th & 6th November, 2022

## Resurrection

Saint Francis of Assisi was dying when all the monks gather around his bed to pray and mourn, suddenly he opened his eyes and started to sing. The monks said to him: *"You are dying, we are supposed to mourn and weep not sing."* Francis smiled and said, *"I am very happy because I am going to meet God, you should be happy for me."* It is normal that we express our grief and sadness when someone dear to us dies. There are many people wondering why God allowed such grief and suffering to happen. The readings today lift up that doubt and give us comfort and hope in life after death.

In today's Gospel the Sadducees approach Jesus to put a question to him. They are not looking for the truth but only to prove that they themselves have the truth. The Sadducees do not believe in life after death or resurrection. They try to trap Jesus with a complicated story about seven brothers who got married to the same woman and one after the other died. According to the laws of Moses, a brother should marry his brother's widow. In their story seven brothers in succession married the widow and they asked Jesus: *"Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?"* Jesus was forced to take his stand; whether to support them (so he won't have to resolve an complicated story) or the Pharisees who believed that one day the dead would be physically resurrected. Jesus used this opportunity to affirm that God is the God of the living and not of the dead and all who believe in God are in fact alive before God. He assured us that there is life after death, and life in heaven will be different from life on earth. People will be immortal and we are no longer limiting ourselves to those we knew but open to everyone in God's love. We are like the angels, therefore our future is secured. What we need to do is to live our life to the full here and now.



Let us pray that the Spirit will guide our days on earth, and may our lives be witness in faith, strong in hope and perfect in love.

## Catechism of the Catholic Church

945 *The three states of the Church.* 'When the Lord comes in glory, and all his angels with him, death will be no more all things will be subject to him. But at the present time some of his disciples are pilgrims on earth. Others have died and are being purified, while still others are in glory, contemplating "in full light, God himself triune and one, exactly as he is."



## Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Appeal.

is on this weekend. The success of this appeal is important because through the benefiting agencies, the Sydney Archdiocese can provide advocacy and counselling services to families in crisis, obtain equal access for the deaf and hearing impaired, offer pastoral support through its chaplaincies, deliver training for our future priests and educate Catholic primary state school children in their faith. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible and would also assist the parish to fulfil its financial requirements. Please use the envelopes provided in the Church for donations. Thank you.

## Encountering Christ

Pope Benedict XVI in his encyclical *Deus Caritas Est* §1 wrote: "Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction". Certainly our entire faith and spirituality hinges upon the reality of this encounter with person of Christ. For this very reason, Pope Francis often speaks about three places to meet the living Jesus. First, Jesus is alive in his word, the inspired Gospel stories and the living tradition of our church. Second, we meet Jesus in the sacraments, especially in regular participation in both the Eucharist and the sacrament of reconciliation. And third, we meet Jesus in our loving service to those in need, those who live on the periphery of society.

### You are invited

The Ascension Prayer Community is inviting everyone for a special evening of Praise and Worship and Teaching/Sharing and fellowship on **November 10**

**Topic:** "Forgiveness & Healing"  
presented by Fr Benjamin Saliba

**Where:** Parish Hal, 45 Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights

**Time:** 7:15pm

**Contact:** Susan 0415 342 672 or Trudy 0414 608 538

Prayer meetings take place on a fortnightly basis.



### ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGES OF LIFE TO SEE BEYOND SELF

A mother challenged with mental health issues is making Christmas cards with a Christian theme. As you are aware, cards with a Christian theme are hard to find. However, thanks to this courageous lady, these are now available for sale in our Piety Store. Furthermore, this brave lady wishes to donate all profits from these cards to our Community Care Program to help other people struggling to cope with life.



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

## Annual Deceased Priest + Religious Memorial Mass

**Wednesday 23 November 2022**

12pm at the Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery

Please RSVP by 11 November to [team@griefcare.com.au](mailto:team@griefcare.com.au)

Ministries Next Week 12/13 Nov	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
<b>READERS:</b>	G Turnbull M Camilleri	S Davies J Finucane	M Hourmozi J Mataele	
<b>Extraordinary MINISTERS EUCHARIST:</b>	A Jameson C Araco T Micali	A Liberatore F Foti B O'Connor	S Hambrook E Villegas C Porreca	S Cook M Mai

# Feasts of the Week



### The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

The feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St John Lateran is celebrated by the entire Church. It marks the dedication of the cathedral church of Rome by Pope Sylvester I in 324. This church is the cathedral (or chair) of the bishop of Rome, who is the Pope. A Latin inscription in the Church reads: "omnium ecclesiarum Urbis et Orbis mater et caput." Translated, the means, "The mother and head of all churches of the city and the world." The Basilica was originally named the Archbasilica of the Most Holy Saviour. However, it is called St John Lateran because it was built on property owned by the Church by the Laterani family, and because the monks from the monastery of St John the Baptist and St John the Divine served it.

**Feast Day: November 9**



**St Leo the Great**, also known as Pope Saint Leo I, was born into a Roman aristocratic family in Tuscany. He was Pope between 440 and 461 and he was the first Pope to be given the title "the Great". Pope Leo was responsible for important changes in the Church year. He added new feasts and placed greater importance on the celebration of

Christmas. He was well known for his great eloquence and writing skills. For his great gift of teaching, Pope Leo has been given the title of Doctor of the Church. Pope Leo was also a peacemaker. He personally convinced Attila the Hun to turn back at the gates of Rome from his planned invasion of the city. Leo is best known for being a good shepherd and pastor for all the people of the Church, from bishops to the poor who begged for food on the streets of Rome. He reached out to the poor and neglected people of the world and urged the bishops to do the same. His homilies helped people know how to live their faith because they were full of practical advice. Leo died on November 10, 461. **Feast Day: November 10**



**St Martin of Tours** was born in Savaria, Pannonia in either the year 316 or 336 AD. At the age of ten he attended the Christian church against the wishes of his parents and became a catechumen. When Martin was fifteen he was required to join a cavalry. About the age of 20, Martin made it clear to his superiors that he would no longer fight, following his formed Christian conscience. In 371, the city of Tours needed a new bishop and the people decided to call Martin to the office. He was the third bishop of Tours. As a bishop Martin established a system of parishes to manage his diocese. Martin longed for more prayer and wanted to pursue a monastic life. In the year 372 Martin established an abbey at Marmoutier so he could retreat there and live as a monk with the many disciples he had attracted. The Monastery would be inhabited by the Benedictines. Martin died in Candes-Saint-Martin, Gaul in 397. He has become one of the most popular and recognizable Catholic Saints. Many miracles have been attributed to him. He even had a confrontation with Satan. **Feast Day: November 11**



**St Josaphat** was born in 1580 in the western Ukrainian region of Volhynia, John Kuntsevych did not become "Josaphat" until his later life as a monk. He also was not initially a full member of the Catholic Church, born to Orthodox Christian parents whose church has fallen out of common with the Pope. As a young monk taking on an ambitious task, striving to re-incorporate the Eastern Orthodox tradition with the authority of the Catholic Church in the era of its "Counter-reformation." Soon, as a priest, subsequently an archbishop, and ultimately a martyr, he would live and die for the union of the churches. On a fall day in 1623 an Orthodox priest had been shouting insults outside the archbishop's residence, and trying to force his way inside. Josaphat had him removed, but the man assembled a mob in the town. They arrived and demanded the archbishop's life, threatening his companions and servants. Unable to escape, Josaphat died praying for the men who shot and then beheaded him before dumping his body in a river. St Josaphat's body was discovered incorrupt, five years later. Remarkably, the saint's one time rival - the Orthodox Archbishop Meletius - was reconciled with the Catholic Church in later years. **Feast Day: November 12**





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

## Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

*Valentina Dileo*

May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout her life.



## CATECHIST NEWS

### Catechist End of Year Mass

All Catechists and helpers are invited to a Catechist End of Year Mass on **Wednesday 23rd November at 7:00pm**. Adoration and Reconciliation is on after Mass if any catechist would like to stay.

**Supper** will also be provided in the courtyard outside Mass.

We have much to be thankful for, our wonderful school coordinators, our catechists who attend scripture week after week and especially because we have had a full year of teaching scripture to the beautiful children in our classes. Hope to see you all there.

CCD Sydney will be conducting another **MEGA TRAINING** after the success of the last 1.4 Mega Training.

Here are the details:

**1.5 Mega Training (Classroom Skills & Resources)**

**Nov 21 | MONDAY**

**9.45am – 2pm**

**All Saints Liverpool, Parish Hall**

**Morning Tea will be Provided**

**ALL** Catechists, especially NEW RECRUITS!! are welcome. To RSVP – email [juliette.morched@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au](mailto:juliette.morched@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au)

The **Annual Catechist's Mass** is this **Sunday 6th November at 2pm at St. Mary's Cathedral**. All are welcome.

**We congratulate Teresa Micali** who will receive her certificate for 25 years of Catechetical service. Thank you Teresa for being such a committed and loving Catechist.

Any enquiries please contact Nina Laureti on 0408 465 149

Men put faith on display. To join the men's group or to find out more, email [jbmng@johnthebaptist.org.au](mailto: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 HOUSE VOLUNTEERS:

We are in need of volunteers to help with our Parish Housie at the Liverpool Catholic Club on **Saturdays from 12:00pm to around 4:45pm on a monthly roster**. If you can assist in anyway please see Fr Dominic or contact the Parish

**Reconciliation and Communion Sacrament 2023**  
Enrolment for Reconciliation and Communion Sacrament program for children in Grade 4 and above will be held early Term 1 in 2023. Dates will be announced in the Church bulletin. Any questions please contact Tamara on 0424 166 248.

## GOD, LIFE, UNIVERSE, EVERYTHING (G.L.U.E) WITH FR BEN

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION** - Are you interested in learning more about the faith you profess? Scripture, Tradition, Church Teaching, Prayer and life's hard questions etc will all be covered.

This series of conversations are not for RCIA candidates, they are for Catholics who want to learn more and ask further questions. Please express your interest by emailing Fr Ben -

[Benjamin.Saliba@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:Benjamin.Saliba@sydneycatholic.org) or phoning the parish office to leave your details - 9823 2572.



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**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](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: 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, Nolita HERBERT

Recently Deceased: Amos VALERI, Gloria ANDRES, Roxanne CAVANAGH, Dick JORDAN, Laurencina FAVOTTO, Philip WALSH, Milan DRENOVAC

Anniversary: Michael DI TOTTO, Reg Mc ANDREW, France HECTOR

Other: 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:

### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year C)

First Reading: Mal 3:19-20  
Second Reading: 2 Thess 3:7-12  
Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

## Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ Some beliefs I would question Jesus about are.....
- ♦ I am strengthened to believe in the resurrection by.....
- ♦ My belief in the resurrection impacts my daily living by.....

## First reading

2 Macca 7:1-2, 9-14

### A reading from the second book of Maccabees

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the laws of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

### The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

16:1, 5-6, 8, 15

### Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Lord, hear a cause that is just,  
pay heed to my cry.  
Turn your ear to my prayer:  
no deceit is on my lips.

### Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

I kept my feet firmly in your paths;  
there was no faltering in my steps.  
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.  
Turn your ear to me; hear my words.

### Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Guard me as the apple of your eye.  
Hide me in the shadow of your wings  
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face  
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory.

### Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

## Second reading

2 Thess 2:16-3:5

### A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

### The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

Rev 1:5, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;  
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Luke 20:27-38

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

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

### The Gospel of the Lord



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