



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

The Presentation fo the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday - 8:00am

St Cecilia, virgin, martyr

Wednesday 7:00pm

St Clement I, pope, martyr

St Columban, abbot

Thursday - 9:00am

Sts Andrew Dung-Lac priest,

and companions, martyrs

Friday - 9:00am

St Catherine of Alexandria,

virgin, martyr

Saturday - 9:00am

NEXT SUNDAY

26/27 NOVEMBER

(First Sunday of Advent

Year A)

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year C) 19th & 20th November, 2022

Christ the King

Prince Alexis of Russia in the 14th Century was a rich and powerful man but unlike his brothers, he felt sorry for the poor, the sick and the elderly. His father (the king) did not like the young prince who often wandered out of the palace to mix with common people so he ordered his son to stay inside the wall of the palace. One day there was a stranger who introduced himself as a doctor. He looked after the elderly, sick and poor without charging them. He even gave them food and money when they were in need. Everyone in the village respected and loved him. One night the village was invaded by a group of robbers, the young doctor and some men were killed while trying to protect the village. After his death the people discovered the young doctor was Prince Alexis, whose monument lives on with the people of Togliatti.

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The word 'king' often gives us an image of power, wealth, authority and prestige. What kind of a king was Jesus? From the Gospel of Luke we see our king nailed on the cross naked, disgraced and powerless between the poorest of the poor, two condemned criminals, with the inscription over his head, 'This is the King of the Jews'. Jesus' kingdom was the place where the will of God and the reality of this world overlapped.

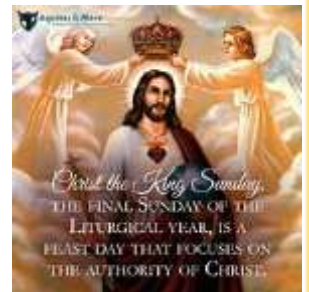
The Gospel today also shows Jesus a king to the good thief "Today you will be with me in paradise." and a total trust in God "Into your hands I commend my spirit." We need to contemplate about Jesus' kingship which expressed through his loving service of others (washing his disciples' feet) and deepen our understanding of the spirit of his kingdom. This will help us to detach from our egos, from our constant seeking of security through possession, prestige and power. We will find Jesus' kingdom when we discover our own poverty and in the service of others who are poor and in need.

Let us pray that we may always remain faithful to Christ our king who had brought about the kingdom of love, truth and life.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

680 Christ the Lord already reigns through the church, but all the things of this world are not yet subjected to him. The triumph of Christ's kingdom will not come about without one last assault by the powers of evil.

Jesus, the Forgiving King Jesus is king, not according to the standards of the world. A real test of power is the willingness to forgive. A strong leader can show magnanimity towards enemies, while the weak insist upon stern justice, even vengeance. Even on the cross, Jesus revealed his power as he forgave those who killed him and the 'Good Thief'. Jesus is king because he brings about the reign of God. It is a reign in which God's ways permeate our ways and God's thoughts become our thoughts. This is precisely what leads to the fullness of life, peace in this world, and peace forever in the kingdom of God.





You are invited

The Ascension prayer community is inviting everyone for a special evening of Praise and Worship and Teaching/Sharing and fellowship on Nov 24

Topic "Gifts of the Holy spirit" - Presented by Ann Marie Gatenby

(National chairperson for catholic charismatic renewal NSW)

Where: Parish Hall, 45 Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights

Time: 7.15 Contact: Susan: 0415 342 672,
Trudy 0414 608 538



Prayer meetings takes place on a fortnightly basis.

CCR COMMUNITY, DIOCESE OF SYDNEY



Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas.

Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more.

Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home.

Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles.

Enquire about those roles via www.palms.org.au or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

Christmas at the Cathedral

Presented by Paynter Dixon

8-25 December St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt.

Festivities begin at 7pm with Christmas market stalls, food, fun activities for the kids and live entertainment.



World Youth Day Lisbon 2023: Local Celebration of the Feast of Christ the King

Sunday 20 November 6-9:30pm St Mary's Cathedral

Mass at 6pm (Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP) followed by festivities in St Mary's Cathedral College Hall

Join hundreds of other young adult pilgrims travelling from the Archdiocese of Sydney to WYD23, for a Portuguese style local WYD Celebration!

Register Online by Monday 14 November for catering purposes: [CTK - Local WYD Celebration - RSVP's by Mon 14 November \(google.com\)](#)

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.

Ministries Next Week 26/27 Nov	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	A Vlahadamis J Victorino	J Poljak S Hely	G Zangari M Zangari	
Extraordinary MINISTERS EUCHARIST:	A Vlahadamis D Vella M Camilleri	L Barilla L Ago Delicia Vella	J Habib N Laureti G Dunn	

Feasts of the Week



Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

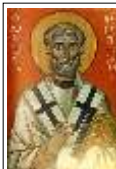
The Feast of the Presentation of Mary is celebrated in both the Eastern and Western Churches. It recalls the day in the life of the Jewish girl named Mary (Maryam) when her parents, Joachim and Anne, presented her to the Lord in the temple and dedicated her life to Him. Mary had already been chosen by God, preserved by a singular grace as a chosen vessel through whom the Incarnate Word would be given for the salvation of the whole world. However, the offering by her parents is a response to the invitation to join our free choice to God's invitation. This exercise of freedom lies at the heart of discipleship, and is the inner core of every vocation, to cooperate with grace. **Feast Day: November 21**



St Cecilia

A Roman virgin who beseeched the angels and saints to protect her virginity. She believed an angel watched over her and once baptised, her husband believed also. With his brother, they buried the martyrs slain by Turcius Almachius. Her preaching had converted 400 people. She was arrested and sentenced to death. She was buried by Pope Urban and his deacons.

Feast Day: November 22



St Clement 1 also known as Saint Clement of Rome, is listed by Irenaeus and Tertullian as the fourth bishop of Rome, holding office from 88 AD to his death in 99 AD. He is considered to be the first Apostolic Father of the Church, one of the three chief ones together with Polycarp and Ignatius of Antioch.

Feast Day: November 23



St Columban was an Irish missionary notable for founding a number of monasteries after 590 in the Frankish and Lombard kingdoms, most notably Luxeuil Abbey in present-day France and Bobbio Abbey in present-day Italy.

Feast Day: November 23



Sts Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

Through the missionary efforts of various religious families beginning in the sixteenth century and continuing until 1866, the Vietnamese people heard the message of the gospel, and many accepted it despite persecution and even death. There are 117 martyrs in this group and although they died at different times, they were all canonized by Pope John Paul II on June 19, 1988. Of the group, 96 were Vietnamese, 11 were Spaniards, and 10 were French. There were 8 bishops, 50 priests and 59 lay Catholics in the group. Of the priests, 11 were Dominicans, 10 belonged to the Paris Mission Society, and the rest were diocesan priests plus one seminarian. Certain individual martyrs were mentioned by name in the process of canonization: Andrew Dung-Lac, a diocesan priest; Remembered as representative of the thousands of Christians tortured and martyred in Vietnam between the seventeenth and nineteenth centuries: bishops, presbyters, religious, and lay people, both children and adults. These martyrs gave their lives not only for the Church but for their country as well. They showed that they wanted the gospel of Christ to take root in their people and contribute to the good of their homeland. **Feast Day: November 24**



St Catherine of Alexandria, also known as St Catherine of the Wheel and the Great Martyr Saint Catherine was born in Alexandria, Egypt. She is believed to have been a well known scholar in the 4th Century. In the 15th Century it was claimed she had spoken to Joan of Arc. She is traditionally revered as one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers. She was martyred because she died for her beliefs in God. According to legend, she was supposed to die on a breaking wheel, but the wheel broke as soon as she touched it, so her head was cut off instead. Because of this her main symbol is the spiked wheel, which is known as a Catherine wheel. After her death, angels allegedly took her body to Mount Sinai, where, according to legend, it was discovered about 800 CE. **Feast Day: November 25**



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:

Arlo Hewett & Chiara Russo

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

Any enquiries please contact Nina Laureti on 0408 465 149



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.

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 HOUSIE 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) ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Thank you for your initial interest in this Faith Formation program. To help Fr Ben coordinate timing of talks please fill out the following form -

<https://forms.gle/SVQBW8bVwesC9v7K8>

Once the details have been collated we will advertise the first talks in the series.

Thank you.



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: Brian AULSEBROOK, Theresa MERCECA, 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: Adam BRADLEY, Stefano ROSITANO, Christopher BAIG, Amos VALLERI, Gloria ANDRES, Roxanne CAVANAGH

Anniversary: Mildred CUISA, Mercedes Del Valle CHIU, Leah FERNANDEZ, Serafina BADINO

Other: Gabriel SAFI, Joseph CAMILLERI, 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:

First Sunday of Advent - (Year A)

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14
Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ It makes sense to celebrate this solemnity by proclaiming a Gospel of Jesus' suffering on the cross because.....
- ♦ When I witnessed the extent of Jesus' mercy (as he shared with the one criminal), for me it was.....
- ♦ I help establish or extend Christ's reign by.....

First reading

2 Samuel 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

All the tribes of Israel then came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

121:1-5

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second reading

Colossians 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –
all things were created through him and for him.
Before anything was created, he existed,

and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 23:35-43

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord

