



John the Baptist Catholic Parish

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(incorporating Bonnyrigg Heights, Green Valley, Edensor Park, Abbotsbury, Cecil Hills & Elizabeth Hills)



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MASSSES THIS WEEK

PSALTER WEEK 3

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - 8:00am

St Francis de Sales, bishop,
doctor

Wednesday 7:00pm

The Conversion of St Paul,
apostle

Thursday - 9:00am

Australia Day

Friday - 9:00am

St Angela Merici, virgin

Sts Timothy and Titus

Saturday - 9:00am

St Thomas Aquinas, priest,
doctor

NEXT SUNDAY

28/29 JANUARY

(Fourth Sunday in Ordinary

Time 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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

21st & 22nd January, 2023

Listen

American actor Jed Harris became convinced that he was losing his hearing. He went to a specialist who gave him a thorough check up. The doctor pulled out a gold timepiece and asked, "Can you hear this ticking?" "Of course," said Harris. The specialist walked to the door and held up the watch again. "Now can you hear it?" Harris concentrated and said, "Yes, I can hear it clearly." The doctor walked out of the door and into the next room and said, "Can you hear it now?" "Yes." "Mr. Harris," the doctor said, "there is nothing wrong with your hearing. You just don't listen."

This Sunday's Gospel tells us of how Jesus called the disciples to 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' "At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him." To follow Jesus is to enter into discipleship, to accept a challenge to transform our lifestyle. There are people who started out very dramatically following Jesus but they lose heart along the way unless they seriously believe in Jesus' message, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand."



Repent calls for a change of mind and heart. We tend to be fixated with our ideas, opinions and actions which determine the way we see ourselves and others. We often see others not as they are but as we are. Repentance is a call for conversion and willingness to be transformed. Conversion is certainly not something we can bring about ourselves. It is not simply a question of will-power. We have to listen well to the inner voice that shows the way. In the silence we will have to read our own hearts, our fears, our failures and our hopes, and this takes courage because we are challenged to respond to this like the disciples in the Gospel who listened to Jesus' call and responded. Their lives completely changed, because their goals have changed and their desire is to do God's will.

Let us strive to listen well to Jesus' voice and be transformed to a new life of freedom, peace and joy.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

822 Concern for achieving unity 'involves the whole church, faithful and clergy alike.' but we must realise 'that this holy objective— the reconciliation of all Christians in the unity of the one and only church of Christ –transcends human powers and gifts'. That is why we place all our hope 'in the prayer of Christ for the Church, in the love of the Father for us, in the Holy Spirit'.

When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.

HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY

A Celebration of Many People, but One Nation
O God, powerful and gentle,
you love this southern land
and all its peoples, old and new.
As the Cross shines in our heavens
so may Christ bring light to our nation.
As the waves encircle our shores
so may your mercy enfold us all.
Amen



Dear Fr Dominic and all the Parishioners,

I am writing this letter to say a huge "Thank you" for your wonderful contribution to help the flood affected people on the land in our community.

I volunteer to help service the areas surrounding Moree as far as Mungindi (north), Lightning Ridge and Walgett, (west), Boggabri (south) and Delungra (east) and sometimes further. I do mostly back road areas. The recipients will receive a hamper of food, toiletries and some other essential items such as detergent and washing powder. I have begun to help already and should be able to help at least 30-40 families in desperate need. I, as well as these families are so very grateful to you all and from the bottom of my heart say Thank You. You are all very kind.

*May God Bless you and keep you safe always.
 Blessings and heartfelt love.
 Colleen*



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.

Catholic Weekly

Is available to purchase for \$2.00. Please place the money in the poor box.

Ministries Next Week 28/29 JAN	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	A Pace L Krslovic	S Davies L Ago	M Zangari G Zangari	
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Feasts of the Week



St Francis de Sales St Francis de Sales was born to a noble family at Chateau de Sales in the Kingdom of Savoy near Geneva, Switzerland on August 21, 1567. He was a Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Francis was both intelligent and gentle. From a very early age, he desired to serve God. He knew for years he had a vocation to the priesthood, but kept it from his family.

His father wanted him to enter a career in law and politics. In 1580, Francis attended the University of Paris, and at 24 years-old, he received his doctorate in law at the University of Padua. All the time, he never lost his passion for God. He studied theology and practiced mental prayers, but kept quiet about his devotion. To please his father, he also studied fencing and riding. God made this will clear to Francis one day while he was riding. Francis fell from his horse three times that day. Every time he fell, the sword came out of the scabbard, and every time it came out, the sword and scabbard came to rest on the ground in the shape of the Christian cross. After much discussion and disagreement from his father, Francis was ordained to the priesthood and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, in 1593, by the Bishop of Geneva.

Feast Day: January 24



St. Paul is the patron saint of missionaries, evangelists, writers, journalists, authors, public workers, rope and saddle makers, and tent makers. His feast day is on June 29 when he is honoured with Saint Peter, although he is also honoured on other days throughout the year, **January 25, for his conversion**, February 16, for his shipwreck, and November 18 for the dedication of his Basilica.



St Angela Merici was an Italian religious educator, who is honoured as a saint by the Roman Catholic Church. She founded the Company of St Ursula in 1535 in Brescia, in which women dedication their lives to the service of the Church through education of girls. While making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 1524, she stopped on the island of Crete, suddenly fell ill and went blind! Determined not to let a small thing like blindness stop her, she insisted she continue with her journey and visited the Holy sites "seeing" them with her mind and heart! On her return trip, she once again stopped at the exact spot where she went blind, and while praying before a crucifix, her eyesight was miraculously restored to her.

Feast Day: January 27



Sts Timothy and Titus

St. Timothy, born in Galatia in Asia Minor, was baptized and later ordained to the priesthood by St. Paul. The young Galatian became Paul's missionary companion and his most beloved spiritual son. St. Paul showed his trust in this disciple by consecrating him bishop of the great city of Ephesus. St. Timothy was stoned to death thirty years after St. Paul's martyrdom for having denounced the worship of the goddess Diana.

St. Titus, a convert from paganism, was a fellow labourer of St. Paul on many apostolic missions. St. Paul later made him bishop of Crete, a difficult charge because of the character of the inhabitants and the spread of erroneous doctrines on that island. St. Paul's writings tell us that St. Titus rejoiced to discover what was good in others and drew the hearts of men by his wide and affectionate sympathy.

Feast day: January 27



St Thomas Aquinas surpassed all his fellow students in learning and virtue. He entered the order of St Dominic against his parents wishes and persevered in his vocation. He studied under St. Albert the Great and at age 22 began teaching and publishing his first works. At age 31 he received his doctorate. He wrote and preached often and was one of the greatest and influential theologians of all time. He is one of the few Doctors of the Church.

Feast Day: January 28



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

Catechists Gathering 2023

Catechists and helpers are invited to the Catechists Gathering organised by the CCD.

Date: Friday 27 January 2023

Time: 9:45am — 2:00pm

Location: St. Joachim's Parish Hall 2 Mills St, Lidcombe NSW

Schedule: 9.45am: Coordinators meeting

10.30am: Morning tea *

11.00am: Bishop's welcoming and blessing

11.15am: Workshop with Anne-Marie

12.00pm: Lunch *

12.30pm: Director's message

12.45pm: Workshop with Anne-Marie

1.30pm: Q & A

*Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Guest speaker is Anne-Marie Irwin. She is an educator based in Sydney, Australia. She has taught in Catholic and independent schools for over 35 years. Anne-Marie is a religious education consultant. She is an adjunct lecturer at the University of Notre Dame, Sydney and founder of the SALT Approach. The SALT (Scripture and Liturgy Teaching) is an approach to teaching religious education in Catholic Primary Schools built on the work of Maria Montessori and Sophia Cavalletti.

To register your attendance visit:

forms.office.com/r/Pn82DahWSD RSVP is essential or contact office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au by Friday 20th January 2023

CATECHIST NEWS:

Training Dates for Western Region 2023

Liverpool, All Saints (1.1-1.3)

Mondays: 6 February, 13 February & 20 February
9:45am-2:00pm

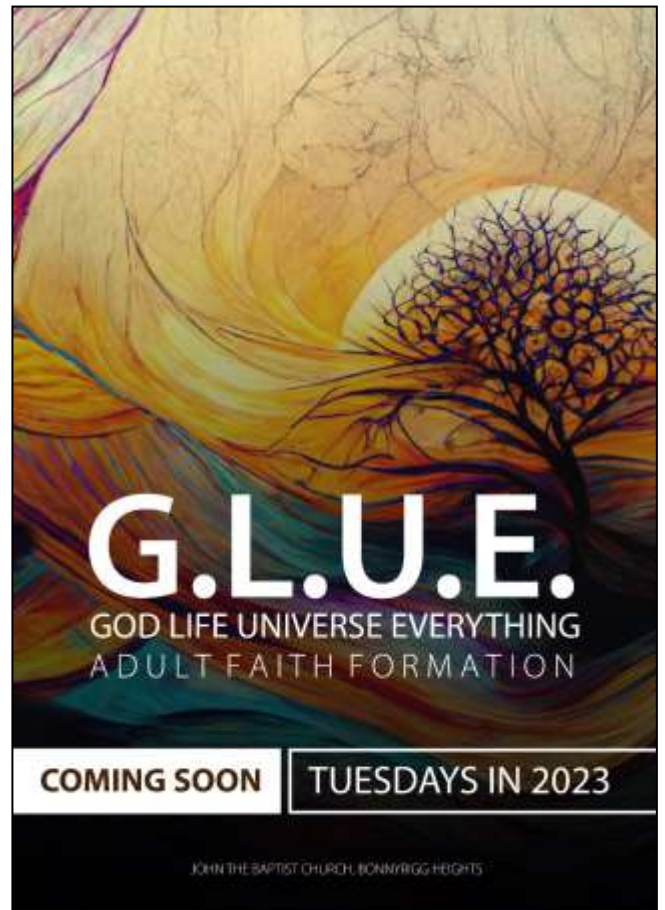
Bonnyrigg, John the Baptist (1.1-1.3)

Tuesday nights: 7 February, 14 February & 21 February
6:30pm-9:00pm

Please register via CCD

Website or email office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

Any enquiries please call Nina on 0408 465 149.



Pontifical Requiem Mass for the late George Cardinal Pell AC - 2 February

The Funeral Mass for our late Archbishop will be held on Thursday 2 February at 11am at St Mary's Cathedral. Members of the public are invited to attend.

If you're unable to attend the Funeral Mass, there will also be other opportunities to pay our respects to our late Archbishop, George Cardinal Pell at St Mary's Cathedral:

Wednesday 1 February

9:30am Reception of the Body and Commencement of Lying in State

1:10pm A Mass for the Dead

5:30pm Evening Prayer and Vigil

8:00pm A Mass for the Dead

Thursday 2 February

6:45am Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
11:00am Pontifical Requiem Mass (Cathedral Doors open from 9:00am)

Please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of our late Archbishop.

Your Prayers are requested for the following, for whom Mass will be offered:

Sick: Essa, Pamela MARTIN, Ivy FERNANDES, Royala & Gayle, Michael, Churchill VANDERWERT, Joyce AZZOPARDI, Liam CANTARELLA, 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: Sam FENECH, Cardinal George PELL, Emeritus Pope BENEDICT XVI, Anton Van Hai NGUYEN, Giuseppe & Guiseppina LETTIERI

Anniversary: Mousa Ayed HADDAD

Other: Gung Gia Jiang, Gung Jing Kiam, Tung Chil Ang, Jia Arng Muai, Jue Soak Kim, Gung Tia Pung, Gung Hoak Pung, Gung Jung Pung, Gung Yeak Larng, Gung Gow Ang, Gung Jek Chong, Kue Soong Lee, Ngo Hai Buai, Kue Peng Kee, Kue Peg Tia, Kue Peng Sir, Kue Charng Guang, Kue Miel Tian, Kue Miel Ang, Kue Miel Im, Kue Jung Hong and all the Sould in Purgatory, Michael GRIMA, Marion FENECH, Jimmy FENECH and Maryanne FENECH, St Anthony, St Jude and St Rita



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:

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year A)

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ Jesus' message "the kingdom of heaven is at hand" means to me.....
- ♦ What needs changing in my mind (repenting) to see or realise that the "kingdom of heaven is at hand" is.....
- ♦ Simon, Andrew, James and John all left something to follow Jesus. At this point in my life, what I have to leave in order to follow Jesus more completely is.....

First reading

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor –
these you break as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

26:1, 4, 13-17

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been

telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

*'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!*

*The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.'*

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord



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