



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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MASSSES THIS WEEK

PSALTER WEEK 3

Monday - No Mass

St Fidelis of Sigmaringen,
priest, martyr

Tuesday - 8:00am

Anzac Day

Wednesday 7:00pm

St Mark

Thursday - 9:00am

St Louis Grignon de

Montford, priest

Friday - 9:00am

St Peter Chanel, priest,
martyr

Saturday - 9:00am

St Catherine of Siena, virgin,
doctor

NEXT SUNDAY

29/30 APRIL

(Fourth Sunday of Easter)

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

Third Sunday of Easter (Year A)

22nd & 23rd April, 2023

Easter - A time to listen

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six year old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mummy says," the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

Listening requires a great skill. It is not only repeating what we hear but understanding the message which one tries to communicate. On the other hand we feel affirming when we are being heard. It gives us a sense of who we are. There is nothing more painful than not being heard, not being understood, especially when we are trying to express our deep feelings or hurts or needs. Just imagine that you say to a friend, "I'm going to the hospital to get the results of my blood tests. The doctor thinks I may have cancer." And your friend replies, "I'm going to shop to buy some cigarettes."

In the Gospel today we read that the two disciples of Jesus were leaving Jerusalem. They were dejected, distraught, discouraged and disillusioned with broken dreams. They were trying to make sense of the shocking events that took place in Jerusalem. Everything they hoped for has come to a terrible end. While being so depressed, they meet a stranger who begins to ask them questions and willing to listen to their grieving. In the course of the conversation, the stranger talks about the prophecies concerning a suffering Messiah. His words put fire in their hearts. They do not want him to leave. The stranger fulfils their desire in a remarkable way. He takes bread, blesses it and breaks it. Then they recognised him. Christ has indeed risen. The story of dejection becomes a story of hope. It was only when Jesus had listened to them that they could hear him speak.



The Emmaus story is a model for our lives. It is a model of listening in which we have to be trained. We need to be able to listen to another without distraction, without judgement or condemnation, without worrying about what our response will be, without being defensive, without intrusion by our egos and our personal agendas, trusting that the Lord will give us the appropriate response when it is needed.

Let us pray that we will be more present to ourselves, to others and to God, and more available to be God's instruments of compassion.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

1346-1347 The Liturgy of the Word and the liturgy of the Eucharistic together form 'one single act of worship', the Eucharistic table set for us is the table both of the Word of God and the Body of the Lord.

Is this not the same movement as the Paschal meal of the risen Jesus with his disciples? Walking with them he explained the scriptures to them; sitting with them at the table 'he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.'



Fr Chris Alar - Marian Priest Divine Mercy Tour

For more information and to register visit
Website: parousiamedia.com

40 Hours for Vocations

28-30 April

An annual event led by the Archdiocese of Sydney's Vocations Centre, featuring Holy Mass, confession and guided reflections before the Blessed Sacrament.

Opening Mass on Friday 28 April at 7pm and concludes on Sunday 30 April with a Good Shepherd Sunday Mass celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Richard Umbers.

For more information, please visit us at vocationcentre.org.au or contact us at vocations@sydneycatholic.org or 02 9307 8424

Sign-up for an hour of adoration here: <https://www.vocationcentre.org.au/booking/>

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima procession: St Mary's Cathedral

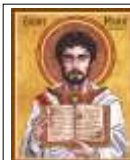
As we prepare for World Youth Day Lisbon, August 2023

Saturday 13 May

Mass at 6pm

Procession afterwards at cathedral forecourt

Feasts of the Week



St Mark

Much of what we know about St. Mark, the author of the Second Gospel, comes largely from the New Testament and early Christian traditions. He was the son of Mary of Jerusalem whose home became a meeting place for the apostles. He is also the cousin of St. Barnabas a Levite and a Cypriot. Mark also held a close relationship with St. Peter and was not one of the twelve apostles. St. Mark lived for years in Alexandria, where he died as a martyr while being dragged through the streets. In 828, relics of St. Mark were stolen from Alexandria and taken to Venice, Italy. There they are enshrined in a beautiful cathedral dedicated to the saint. St. Mark's symbol is a winged lion.

Feast Day: April 26



St Peter Chanel was born in 1803 in France. After ordination to the priesthood, he desired to become a missionary. He was assigned to his hometown. Finally in 1836, he led a small group of missionaries to the New Hebrides in the South Pacific. After a few years of converting the natives, the jealous island king had Peter killed. However, within 5 months of his death, the entire island had been converted to Christianity.

Feast Day: April 28



St Catherine of Siena was born in 1347. In her childhood she consecrated her virginity to God and she had mystical experiences, seeing guardian angels of others. At 18 she became a Dominican. She devoted herself heroically to the care of the infected. She was one of the most brilliant theological minds of her day. She continued to have visions of Christ, Mary and the Saints. She was given the Stigmata which became visible after her death. St Catherine's letters are considered the most brilliant writings in the history of the Catholic Church. The life of the Saint who had been glorified by God with wondrous gifts and miracles was brought to a close on 29th April, 1380 at the age of 33. She was canonised in 1461 by Pope Pius II. In 1970 Pope Paul VI declared her a doctor of the Church.

Feast Day: April 29



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.

THE LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC CLUB PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE PLEASURE IN INVITING YOU TO THE

52ND ANNUAL MASS AND COMMUNION LUNCHEON

SUNDAY 7 MAY 2023 AT 11AM

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH
48 GEORGE ST, LIVERPOOL

AT CONCLUSION OF THE MASS A BUFFET LUNCHEON WILL BE SERVED AT

"THE AUDITORIUM"
LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC CLUB
424 - 458 HOXTON PARK ROAD PRESTONS

ADMITTANCE TO THE LUNCHEON IS BY TICKET ONLY
\$45 PER MEMBER

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL | TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CLUB

IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL ACCESS OR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE FULLY, PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOU BOOK TO ENSURE THEY ARE MET. ANY PERSONS WITH SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE NOTE, THE UPPER LEVEL OF THE AUDITORIUM IS ACCESSIBLE FOR PEOPLE USING WHEELCHAIRS AND OTHER MOBILITY AID. HOWEVER, THE BOTTOM LEVEL LOBBY ONLY BE ACCESSIBLE VIA STAIRS.

Catholic Theological College
Sign up for one of 18 online sessions.

Engaging Your Faith—May 2023

Theology, Vatican II, Scripture, Spirituality, Science & Faith.

Choose what interests you from \$25 per session.
For more information and to register:
ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

Ministries Next Week 29/30 April	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	G Turnbull L Krslovic	T Simpson J Finucane	E Villegas M Hourmozi	A Vanderwert R Capolupo
Extraordinary MINISTERS EUCHARIST:	A Pace A Jameson B Empeigne	D Sullivan J Finucane S Xuereb	J Habib N Laureti G Dunn	M Mai G Vanderwert D Pham

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:

Abbie Rita Schroder



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

JORDAN YOUTH GROUP



Years 5 & 6 Primary School students & Year 7 High School students are welcome to join the Jordan Youth Group at John the Baptist Parish hall.

Our aim is to encourage young people within our community to come together to engage, learn, pray, and become involved in spiritual life and explore our Catholic faith.

Our next meeting is Saturday, 29th April 2023.

Details and Dates for 2023 are listed below:

Location: John the Baptist Parish Hall

Time: 3.00pm-5.00pm

Cost: Free

Afternoon tea will be provided.

Saturday, 29th April

Saturday, 27th May

Saturday, 24th June

Saturday 22nd July

Saturday, 26th August

Saturday, 23rd September

Saturday, 28th October

Saturday, 18th November

Saturday 9th December

If you have any further queries or would like to volunteer your time and assist with the Jordan Youth group, please contact Tina Dunn on 0439 492 920 or Silvana Scamardella on 0417 197 357.

The Sydney Archdiocese Committee, of the World Apostolate of Fatima invite you to our May Celebration in St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday May, 13th

Honouring our Lady and intercede for peace in the World and the welfare of Australia. To commence at 11.30am with entrance procession (inside the Cathedral) with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (with the Immaculate Heart) Rosary, Litany of Loreto & Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary followed by Holy Mass at Noon. We look forward to you joining us in Prayer. For further enquiries please contact us on - 0403578994.

JB Spring Fair



We are planning a Fair at JB this year. It will be a fun filled day for the whole family and a chance to celebrate with our JB community.

To make this happen we need volunteers. If you are able to assist in the planning or on the day please let us know by email info@johnthebaptist.org.au or telephone the parish office 9823 2572.

Prayer transforms a person's day "into grace, or better, it transforms us: it appeases anger, sustains love, multiplies joy, instils the strength to forgive," the Pope said during his weekly general audience. Prayer is a constant reminder that God is nearby and so, "the problems we face no longer seem to be obstacles to our happiness, but appeals from God, opportunities to encounter him," Pope Francis said, continuing his series of audience talks about prayer. "When you start to feel anger, dissatisfaction or something negative, stop and say, 'Lord, where are you and where am I going?' The Lord is there," he said. "And he will give you the right word, a piece of advice for moving forward without this bitter, negative taste, because prayer is always – to use a secular word – positive. It moves you forward."



PARISH SUPPERS

Our Parish is in need of volunteers to assist with suppers after the Saturday 5:30pm Mass.

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.

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

Sick: Benito CARBONE, Leilah DANIEL, Dominic EMPEIGNE, Essa, Pamela MARTIN, Ivy FERNANDES, Royala & Gayle, Michael, Brian AULSEBROOK, Theresa MERCIECA, Avelino San BUENAVENTURA, Guiseppina ANDRONACO, Mariola, Rita DALLI, Alexander (Sandy) ANDERSON, Jessie ZAMMIT, John DEMICOLI, Judy DIVANI, 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: Toni Di MARTINO, John JOANNIDES, Teresa SAID, Rolando QUIJANO, Ramzi KHADOURI

Anniversary: Agatino SACCA, Federico SIMEON, Tarcisius ZAMMIT, Maria, Jose Maria ENEDAGUILA, Judith MESCHKE

Other: 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 of Easter - (Year A)

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ The significance to me of Jesus as a "stranger" on the road to Emmaus is.....
- ♦ Some examples of when Jesus opened me to his risen presence in the Scriptures or in the breaking of the bread are.....
- ♦ My life opens the Scriptures for others when I.....

First reading

Acts 2:14, 22-23

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

15:1-2, 5, 7-11

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.'

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Second reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless

way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord



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