



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

The Blessed Virgin Mary,

Mother of the Church

Tuesday - 8:00am

Wednesday 7:00pm

The Visitation of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Thursday - 9:00am

St Justin, martyr

Friday - 9:00am

Sts Marcellinus and Peter,

martyrs

Saturday - 9:00am

St Charles Lwanga &

Companions, martyrs

NEXT SUNDAY

3/4 JUNE

(The Most Holy Trinity

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

Pentecost Sunday (Year A)

27th & 28th May, 2023

The gift of the Holy Spirit

There is a young boy who loves to play with the TV remote control. He keeps changing channels when his brothers and sisters are watching television, so they decided to take the battery out of the remote control. The young boy gets bored quickly because the remote control does not work, he then abandons his toy. The remote control without power was useless.

Pentecost was not just a sending of a spirit but it was a discovery of their own power and giftedness by the disciples. They had been hampered by their vision of a Messiah who would fulfil their ambition and easy promotion. Jesus had come and died as a criminal. This tragedy had shattered their false expectations and only then was Jesus able to rise again. They were able to see the real Jesus and the real message that had been there all the time. Jesus ascended into heaven after he promised his disciples the Holy Spirit will come to them. It was ten days later that they became aware of the spirit that was within them all the time, and then they began to preach "*As the Father has sent me, so I send you.*". It is significant that they immediately began to reach beyond barriers. Language and culture was no longer a block. All people presented there were able to hear and understand each other.

Pentecost calls us to be opened to the richness of divine revelation in other religions, culture and languages. This is also an openness to recover the Christian mystical tradition which goes back to apostolic times. It is a

recognising of the dwelling of the Father and Son in us (Jn14:23). In a world where there is so much violence in families, in communities and in countries, we need the Holy Spirit to guide us in the way of peace by creating in our families, in our country and in our world according to the likeness of the divine life i.e. more loving, understanding and accepting.



Catechism of the Catholic Church

1076 The church was made manifest to the world on the day of Pentecost by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The gift of the Spirit ushers in a new era in the 'dispensation of the mystery' the age of the church, during which Christ manifests, makes present and communicates his work of salvation through the liturgy of his church, 'until he comes'.

Grace is one way Catholics describe the action of God in the world. God, through the Holy Spirit, is active in all creation. When we pray, serve others or participate in the sacraments, we share in God's life. Grace is the gift that helps us know God better, become stronger in faith and live a just life.

Catholics speak about two major kinds of grace, sanctifying grace and actual grace. Baptism takes away original sin and makes us a new creation. The action of the Holy Spirit in sanctifying grace makes us holy by giving us a share in God's life. Sanctifying grace is restored or strengthened when we received the other six sacraments. Actual grace helps us to know and do what is right at a particular time. It is a temporary action of the Holy Spirit.

Save the Date: Walk With Christ- Sunday 11 June

Join Catholics from across greater Sydney for the Walk With Christ procession through central Sydney to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi when Christ reminds us as Catholics that He will be with us till the end of time through His real presence in the Holy Eucharist.

1pm: Festival in Martin Place.

2:30pm: Procession begins from the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.


For any questions and to provide an itinerary and application form, please contact national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or on 89124818.



Catholic Theological College
Online unit presented over 4 Saturdays 17, 24 June; 7, 14 October


Teaching Meditation and Prayer
Lecturer: Dr Christopher Morris
To enrol or for further information:
Dr Christopher Knauf, Registrar:
registrar@ctc.edu.au

Ministries Next Week 3/4 June	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	J Victorino M Camilleri	J Poljak L Agoo	J Mataele M Hourmozi	A Vanderwert R Capolupo
Extraordinary MINISTERS EUCHARIST:	A Severi T Vartuli A Vlahadamis	A Liberatore F Foti B O'Connor	E Villegas C Porreca T Nguyen	M Mai G Vanderwert D Pham



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.



Sts Charles Lwanga & Companions
Charles took over the instruction and leadership of the Christian community in Uganda after the "White Fathers" were expelled. King Mwanga hated Christians and condemned to death all who refused to stand by him. Charles protected the young boys of the court and baptised as many as possible. After being made to trek 37 miles, Charles and many others were burnt to death. He and the other Catholic martyrs of Uganda were canonized after Mwanga's death and the return of the White Fathers.

Feast Day: June 3

Feasts of the Week



The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

In Roman Catholic Mariology, Mother of the Church (in Latin *Mater Ecclesiae*) is a title, officially given to Mary during the Second Vatican Council by Pope Paul VI. The title was first used in the 4th Century by St Ambrose of Milan, as rediscovered by Hugo Rahner.

The title "Mother of the Church" was used by Pope Benedict XIV in 1748 and then by Pope Leo XIII in 1885. The title was also used by Pope John Paul II and is also found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Pope John Paul II stated that overall the title indicates the Blessed Virgin Mary's maternity of Christ's faithful, as deriving from her maternity of Christ in that "Mary is present in the Church as the Mother of Christ, and at the same time as that Mother whom Christ, in the mystery of the Redemption, gave to humanity in the person of the Apostle John [cf. John 19:27]. Thus, in her new motherhood in the Spirit, Mary embraces each and every one in the Church, and embraces each and every one through the Church. Pope Francis has decreed that Latin-rite Catholics around the world will mark the feast of "the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church" on the Monday after Pentecost each year **Feast Day: May 29**



The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Visitation is the visit of Blessed Virgin Mary, who was pregnant with Jesus, to St. Elizabeth, who was pregnant with John the Baptist. At the sound of Mary's greeting, the pregnant Elizabeth felt the infant St John the Baptist leap in her womb, as recorded in the Gospel of Luke, Luke 1:39–56 **Feast day: May 31**



St Justin Martyr (105-165 A.D.) was born a pagan at Flavia Neapolis in Samaria near Jacob's well somewhere between 100-110 A.D. He was well educated and travelled and is known to us mostly by his writings in defence of the faith. After his conversion, he put his training in philosophy to good use as an evangelist, spending some time in Ephesus and much time in Rome teaching at a Christian philosophy school. Justin was beheaded by the prefect Rusticus along with six other Christians in Rome or his bold preaching during the reign of Marcus Aurelius. His Apologies are considered the most important of the 2d century Christian writings of the Fathers of the Early Church.
Feast Day: June 1



Sts Marcellinus and Peter Though we know very little about these two martyrs under Diocletian, there is no question that the early church venerated them. Evidence of the respect in which they were held at the basilica Constantine built over their tombs and the presence of their names in the first eucharistic prayer. Pope St. Damasus says that he heard the story of these two martyrs from their executioner who became a Christian after their deaths. Marcellinus, a priest, and Peter, an exorcist, died in the year 304. According to a legendary account of their martyrdom, the two Romans saw their imprisonment as just one more opportunity to evangelize and managed to convert their jailer and his family. The legend also says that they were beheaded in the forest so that other Christians wouldn't have a chance to bury and venerate their bodies. Two women found the bodies, however, and had them properly buried.
Feast Day: June 2

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

Would you like to become a regular contributor to the Parish?

Or would you like to change your contribution method from envelopes to monthly credit card giving?

If so, please fill in this slip and return it to the Parish Office. Otherwise send an e-mail to Leanne at info@johnthebaptist.org.au

Name: Telephone No.:

Address:

Email :

☐ I wish to commence Planned Giving Program.

☐ I wish to change from envelopes to Credit Card monthly giving. Current envelope No:

(a credit card authority form will need to be completed)

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:

Noah Ilagan



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



CONFIRMATION 2023

Confirmation will be held on Sunday 17th September at St Mary's Cathedral at 3:30pm.

Please keep watching this space for further details as they become available.

For any enquiries please contact Linda Barilla on 0409 914 083.



Condolences

Our condolences are extended to Rosalie Capolupo and Glenn Vanderwert and their families and extended family on the loss of their dear father Churchill. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Multicultural Mass Sunday Celebrated By Bishop Vincent Long

For the Parramatta Diocese and Sydney Archdiocese. Open invitation for Migrant Chaplains of both Dioceses and people from all ethnic communities.

DETAILS:

Date and Time: Sunday 18th June at 2pm

Venue: St Mary's Cathedral

If you have questions please contact Fr Roland Maurer EV or Kylie Cullen at immigration@sydneycatholic.org



Men put faith on display.
To join the men's group
or to find out more, email

jbmg@johnthebaptist.org.au or call/
SMS Daniel on 0411 254 520.



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.

FOUND: A pair of earrings have been found. If you think they could be yours please contact the parish office on 9823 2572.

UPDATE! JB SPRING FAIR 22nd October 2023



Your Parish Fair offers food, fun, FREE jumping castle, music, market stalls and entertainment. This Fair is designed for our community and celebrates the delights of our Parish, bringing the Parish Community and their families together after Covid.

WANTED: Volunteers. One or two hours of your time to volunteer would be greatly appreciated.

WANTED: Talent and entertainment.

MARKETING: Interested in marketing your products e.g. Costume Jewellery, Perfume, etc or your services e.g. Fitness, Insurance etc. We are offering \$25 per spot when you market your products or services.

WANTED: International Food Stallholders run by parishioners – Our Parish has a boundless array of multiculturalism. Currently some international food stalls confirmed by our Parishioners are Holland, Italy, Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia and Australia. We need more parishioners to come forward to showcase their country of origin. Spot provided are Free Of Charge.

WANTED: New members to join our JB Spring Fair Committee.

Our next meeting is 24th May at 7:15pm

Please contact: Susan 0419606683 (after 3:30pm) or Sharon 0410494700 (after 5:30pm)



You+ mind+move+
a wellness festival event

Enhance your vitality through lifelong learning, exercise and social outings.

Join our bus outing to the Australian Botanic Gardens!

Thursday, 1 June 2023, 10am - 3pm
Departure location: 76 Marsh Parade, Casula 2170

CHSP funding available for over 65's.

Register by emailing theamweb@bcs.com.au or call 0403 758 763

G.L.U.E.
GOD LIFE UNIVERSE EVERYTHING
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

"Where is God in suffering?"

Tuesday 30th May | 9am and 7pm

JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH, BONNYRIGG HEIGHTS

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



Sick: Dominic ATTARD, Antonietta DeMARTIN, Olivia TOOLE, Despina JOANNIDES, Benito CARBONE, Leilah DANIEL, Dominic EMPEIGNE, Essa, Pamela MARTIN, Ivy FERNANDES, Royala & Gayle, Michael, Brian AULSEBROOK, Theresa MERCECA, 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: Churchill VANDERWERT, Vincent PROCHILLO, Charles ELLUL, Sr Shirley AGOO ICM

Anniversary: Sim Moe LIM, Clara Amparo Del VALLE, Michael GRIMA

Other: Anton and Anna, Jimmy FENECH, Marion FENECH, Maryanne FENECH, St Anthony, St Jude & 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:

The Most Holy Trinity - (Year A)

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ Where I witness Christ's mission being continued is..... how I contribute to Christ's mission being continued is.....
- ♦ For me, the relationship between receiving Christ's Spirit and forgiveness is.....
- ♦ Examples of the Spirit's manifestations in the midst of ordinary, daily living are.....

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

103:1-2, 24, 27-30, 35

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Acts 2:1-11

Second reading

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

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

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-23

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you
forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you
retain,
they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord

