



# John the Baptist Catholic Parish

Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights

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



## Parish Pastoral Centre:

45 Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights, 2177

### Fr Dominic Dinh

Email: [pp@johnthebaptist.org.au](mailto:pp@johnthebaptist.org.au)

Emergency: 0423 420 639

### Fr Benjamin Saliba

Email: [Benjamin.saliba@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:Benjamin.saliba@sydneycatholic.org)

## Office:

9823 2572

## Email:

[info@johnthebaptist.org.au](mailto:info@johnthebaptist.org.au)

## Website:

[www.johnthebaptist.org.au](http://www.johnthebaptist.org.au)

Office Hours: Tue- Fri 9.00am to 4pm

Parish Secretary: Leanne Lang

Bookkeeper: Victoria Baltazar

## MASSES THIS WEEK

### PSALTER WEEK 1

Monday - No Mass

*St Boniface, bishop, martyr*

Tuesday - 8:00am

*St Norbert, bishop*

*St Marcellin Champagnat, religious*

Wednesday 7:00pm

Thursday - 9:00am

Friday - 9:00am

*St Ephrem, deacon, doctor*

Saturday - 9:00am

## NEXT SUNDAY

10/11 JUNE

(The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ [Corpus Christi] 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

## The Most Holy Trinity (Year A)

3rd & 4th June, 2023

# God dwells within us

There was a man who just got a job painting the white lines in the middle of the road. On his first day he painted one hundred metres length, seventy on the second day and only thirty on the third. The supervisor was rather surprised. He called this man in and said, *"How come you painted one hundred metres on the first day but less on the second and today only thirty metres?"* "Sir" he protested *"Can't you see the can of paint was getting further and further away!"* The man's progress was limited by his thinking that the can of paint could only be at one place to which he had to continue to go back to. It would improve immensely when he found that he could move the can of paint along or even bring it with him all the time.

Our spiritual progress is also inhibited if we have a limited perception of where and who God is. For many people God is in heaven, so far away from our reach, and religion is a way to capture the distant God and make God present to us. Maybe this is why many people keep running around in search for God in spectacular sights or weeping statues.

The doctrine of the Trinity which we celebrate today, reveals to us different modes of God's presence. In his book Apostolic Exhortation *'Pastores Dabo Vobis'* Pope John Paul II says, *"Every Christian identity has its source in the Blessed Trinity. Intimate Communion with the Blessed Trinity, that is, the new life of Grace which makes us children of God, constitutes the 'novelty' of the believer. A novelty which involves his being and his acting. It constitutes the 'mystery of Christian existence which is under the influence of the Spirit.'"*(46)

According to this teaching our God is not only a transcendent one in heaven but also a God who became incarnate, who was born of a virgin and became one of us in all but sin. This God not only came into the world but continues to journey with us today in the world through his Holy Spirit. He is a God who dwells in every human heart. So our sense of the divine presence is more complete and rich. We know very, very little about God but it is more important if we can respond to the loving God whom we know and believe. Since the second Vatican Council, the church has redefined itself as the people of God.

Let us pray that as the people of God, may we be the main signs and witnesses of God's presence in the world.

## Something to think about

The Trinity-the term expresses the greatest mystery at the heart of the Christian tradition: the belief that there is one God who is three Persons sharing one nature. Catholics believe in a personal God, one who is interested in us and whom we can get to know better through prayer, reflection, following Church teaching and receiving the sacraments. The Apostles' Creed spells out our belief in God the Father Almighty, in his only Son our Lord and in 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

## 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:

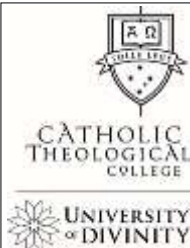
Date and Time: Sunday 18th June at 2pm

Venue: St Mary's Cathedral

If you have questions please contact Fr Roland Maurer EV or Kylie Cullen at [immigration@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:immigration@sydneycatholic.org)

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](mailto: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](mailto:registrar@ctc.edu.au)

Ministries Next Week 10/11 June	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
<b>READERS:</b>	G Turnbull A Vlahadamis	S Hely T Simpson	J Mataele M Hourmozi	J Lentini A Vanderwert
<b>Extraordinary MINISTERS EUCARIST:</b>	D Vella M Camilleri A Pace	D Sullivan J Finucane S Xuereb	M Aulsebrook R Hibbs J Habib	R Imbert M Abdal S Cook



### 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.

# Feasts of the Week



### St Boniface

Beneath a mighty oak tree, St Boniface once stopped some pagans from the bloody sacrifice of a boy by blocking the death blow of a hammer with his Bishop's crook thereby splitting the hammer in two. Boniface then told the people of Jesus Christ, mankind's saviour who sacrificed himself so that others may live forever. A nearby fir tree was to be a symbol of Christ, for its leaves are evergreen and pointed toward heaven. The tree was to be taken into their homes, "not to shelter deeds of blood, but loving gifts and rites of kindness".

**Feast Day: June 5**



### St Norbert

Norbert of Xanten also known as Norbert Genep, was a nobleman, courtier, ascetic, legendary peacemaker, and an exemplar of the apostolic way of life. He was a priest of the Catholic Church who founded the Praemonstratensians of the Norbertine order in the 12th Century. His founding of the Order was a monumental task: combating rampant heresies—particularly regarding the Blessed Sacrament, revitalizing many of the faithful who had grown indifferent and dissolute, plus effecting peace and reconciliation among enemies. He built the order on the basis of love selfless sharing and radical hospitality. He became a bishop and is venerated as a saint. He died on June 6, 1134. He was canonized by Pope Gregory XIII in the year 1582, and his statue appears above the Piazza colonnade of St Peter's Square in Rome.

**Feast day: June 6**



### St Marcellin Champagnat

Marcellin Joseph Benedict Champagnat, FMS, also known as Saint Marcellin Champagnat, was born in Le Rosey, village of Marlies, near St. Etienne, France. He was the founder of the Marist Brothers, a religious congregation of brothers in the Catholic Church devoted to Mary and dedicated to education. Marcellin often proclaimed, "This is all God's work...this is all Mary's work." That remains true to the spirit of today's Marist Brothers and their lay colleagues as they respond in fresh, bold and creative ways to meet the needs of youth.

In 1955 Marcellin Champagnat was declared Blessed by Pope Pius XII. He was canonized by Pope John Paul II on April 18, 1999.

**Feast Day: June 6**



### St Ephrem

St Ephrem was born in Mesopotamia in the early fourth century. He was a teacher and a deacon and wrote hymns to counteract the heresies rampant at that time. He lived an ascetic and celibate life in his last years and devoted much of his time to prayer and good deeds. He organised the distribution of food in the famine of 372.

**Feast Day: June 9**

## 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](mailto: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.



### 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.

### 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, 24th June 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.

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.

**"Life is not about showing off our abilities, but a journey towards the One who loves us: by keeping our gaze fixed on the Lord, we will find the strength needed to persevere with renewed joy."**

*Pope Francis*

### Purpose Nights | Black and White Night

Our first ever Purpose Nights event is happening June 27th and we can't wait to have you!

There will be a live music concert, food trucks, talks, adoration, confession, bonfires, and a Q&A panel!

**Topic:** 'What is Truth?'

**Dress code:** Black and White Clothing!

Open to students across Sydney in years 9-12.

**DETAILS:**

**Date and Time:** Tuesday 27th June, 5.30 PM to 9PM.

**Venue:** St Christopher's, Holsworthy 205 Heathcote Rd, Holsworthy

Registrations are essential.



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.



### 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.

### 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.

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

Throughout the year the parish has a number of collections. On a weekly basis the Parish has two regular Collections. I have noticed that some of the parishioners are not sure what the collections mean.

### The First Collection

Your contribution for the First Collection on Sundays and your gifts at baptism and marriages together pays priests stipend and his living. If there is any surplus, it is given to the common pooling of the archdiocese to pay priests in smaller parishes and priests on sick leave.

### The Second Collection

The second collection taken during Sunday Masses is for the support of the Parish. Though a lot of the pastoral work of the parish is done by volunteers, there are a number of wages and bills to pay in relation to the running of the Parish responsibility. Our Church and premises always need maintenance work for the upkeep. Yearly building insurance for all buildings including office, hall and carpark. The secretary's wages are paid from this collection. Second Collection is to support these undertakings. To enable tax deductibility for the contributors and to make financial planning easy, we have the Planned Giving (envelope) Program. At the end of each financial year all contributors are provided with a receipt. You can either donate through weekly envelopes or authorise the parish office to make periodic deductions from your **credit card**. To join the Planned Giving Program, you may fill in the slip in this Parish Bulletin or visit the Parish Website and download a credit card authority form and return them to the Parish Office.

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

*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: Leo Di BARTOLO, Freddie SACCO, Churchill VANDERWERT, Vincent PROCHILLO, Charles ELLUL,

Anniversary: Martin SARTOR, Pedro Andres VARGAS, Paul Xeng SAYAVOGSA, Mary Tien SAYAVONGSA

Other: Michael GRIMA, 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 Body and Blood of Christ [Corpus Christi] - (Year A)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-58

### Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ My daily living is different because I believe in God as Father, Son and Spirit in that.....
- ♦ How I have experienced the fellowship of God is.....
- ♦ What I might do to deepen the fellowship of God in my home (at my parish) is.....

### First reading

**Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9**

#### A reading from the Book of Exodus

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

#### The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

#### Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

*Glory and praise for ever!*

Blest your glorious holy name.

*Glory and praise for ever!*

You are blest in the temple of your glory.

*Glory and praise for ever!*

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

*Glory and praise for ever!*

You are blest who gaze into the depths.

*Glory and praise for ever!*

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

*Glory and praise for ever!*

### Second reading

**2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

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

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

#### The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

**Cf Rev 1:8**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

**John 3:16-18**

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

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world

not to condemn the world,

but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;

but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

#### The Gospel of the Lord

