



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 Romuald, abbot

Tuesday - 8:00am

Wednesday 7:00pm

St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

Thursday - 9:00am

Sts John Fishger, bishop, and Thomas More, martyrs

Friday - 9:00am

Saturday - 9:00am

The Nativity of St John the Baptist

NEXT SUNDAY

24/25 JUNE

(12th 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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

17th & 18th June, 2023

See and Understand

A man visits an optometrist to buy a pair of glasses so he can read. The optometrist gives him a pair of glasses and shows him the chart. *"Which letter can you read?" "None of them."* He answered. The optometrist patiently tries a few more pairs of glasses, still the man can't read any letter on the chart. Finally, the optometrist asks *"Are you sure you can read?" "I am illiterate, I thought that if I wear a pair of glasses then I will be able to read."* He replied.

We can see so much with our eyes but how much we actually take in and understand is another matter. The Gospel reading today calls us to be more reflective with what we see and hear. When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, *"the harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest."* This is a call for each one of us to see the needs around us and respond to that. Traditionally, vocation has been taken to mean the call to priesthood or to brotherhood or sisterhood in the religious life. We need to broaden this definition of vocation. The second Vatican Council confirmed that the Gospel call to holiness is for all men and women and not just for a select few. When speaking of the call of the laity to holiness it pointed out the participation in Church activities, being Acolyte, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, lectors and the like. The real call to work in the vineyard of the Lord is in the living out of Christianity in one's family and place of work. Only lay people can bring the truth of Christ into family life, politics and business.

Let us pray that we can hear the call to holiness and see clearly our role in life so that we can fulfil and live as Jesus would have us live.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

1578 No one has the right to receive the sacrament of Holy Orders. Indeed no one claims this office for himself; he is called to it by God. Anyone who thinks he recognises the signs of God's call to the ordained ministry must humbly submit his desire to the authority of the church, who has the responsibility and right to call someone to receive orders. Like every grace this sacrament can be *received* only as an unmerited gift.

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

A. Honda--because the apostles were all in one Accord.





We congratulate the following Children who are celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend

ACKAOUI, Elijah
AXIAK, Ruben
BADEL, Ethan
BADEL, Nathaniel
BARKHO, Dior
BLAHA, Ryan
BORG, Jarrad
BRUZZESE, Emilia
BUTRUS, Yolanda
CARNOVALE, Andrea
CHIAPPAZZO, Carmelo
DINH, Sophia
GHASHIEH KHOSROW, Livinia
GRECH, Ruby
HUYNH, Amelia
JEDINAK, Noah
JONG, Ivana
KOMADINA, Oliver
LA GUZZA, Massimo
LAGUDI, Bella
MOUNES, Kate
MUY, Benjamin
NAAMO, Maryann
NAAMO, Noah
ORAH, Nicholas
OTAYEK, Patrizia
RISSOTTO, Oscar

ROFAEL, Saviola
ROFAEL, Severio
ROGERS, Xavier
RUSSO, Giovanni
SHAAO, Rameros
SHAOO, Rosabelle
SIKAHELE, Aulola
SILAPHET, Pandora
SQUIRES, Kiran
SULFARO, Gabriel
TATIAN, Siana
TAYLOR, William
TILO, Jeremiah
TOBIA, Christian
TOUMA, Dominic
VANEGAS, James
VELLA, Oliver
VU, Gordon
VUKASIN, Liana
VUKMAN, Luka
VUKMAN, Mateo
VUONG, Alana
VUONG, Megan
YOHANNA, Terese
ZANDARIN PIZARRO, Rafael
ZHANG, Lucas

BLACK & WHITE NIGHT For students in years 9-12 St Christopher's Holsworthy Tuesday 27th June. See noticeboard for more.

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.

Ministries Next Week 24/25 June	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	A Pace G Turnbull	S Hely L Barilla	I Naamo M Aulsebrook	
Extraordinary MINISTERS EUCARIST:	F Bushby A Severi T Vartuli	A Liberatore F Foti B O'Connor	S Hambrook E Villegas C Porreca	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.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The piety store has gifts on sale to commemorate this special day in your child's life.

"Their First Holy Communion"

The Piety Store is opened before and after each Mass on the weekends.



Feasts of the Week



St Romuald was born at Ravenna about the year 956. His early life was wasted on earthly pleasures. Upon seeing his father kill a man in a duel, his outlook on life changed and began a new course. He became an abbot and founded several monasteries before he created the austere Order of Camandoli in Tuscany.

After a long life of merit, he died in the monastery of Castro, which he founded in Marquisate of Ancona. His death occurred on June 19, about the year 1027. **Feast Day: 19th June**



St Aloysius Gonzaga was an Italian aristocrat who was destined for the military by his father. At 9 he decided on a religious life and made a vow for perpetual virginity. At 18 he joined the Jesuits after breaking down his father, who had refused his entrance into the order. He served in a hospital in Milan during the plague of 1587 and died of it at the age of 23. **Feast Day: June 21**



The Nativity of St John the Baptist

The Feast of the Nativity, or birthday, of St John the Baptist is one of the oldest feasts in the liturgy of the Church and is ranked among the joyous feasts of the year. He was the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, a cousin of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As Zechariah was ministering in the Temple, an angel brought him the news that Elizabeth would bear a child filled with the Holy Spirit from the moment of his birth and that "many would rejoice in his birth". He doubted and was struck dumb until John's birth. John began his ministry around the age of 27, wearing a leather belt and tunic of camel hair, living off locusts and wild honey, and preaching a message of repentance to the people of Jerusalem. He converted many, and prepared the way for the coming of Jesus. He Baptised Christ and pointed him out as "the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world", after which he stepped away and told his disciples to follow Jesus. Shortly after, John rebuked King Herod for taking Herodias, the wife of the ruler's brother Philip. In retaliation, John was cast into prison and while there arranged - through his followers - to bear witness to Jesus one last time. John was then beheaded by order of Herod at the instigation of Herodias and his head was brought to her on a platter. **Feast Day: June 24**

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.



MORE UPDATES!! JB SPRING FAIR
22nd October 2023



BARISTA wanted parishioners or local business.

We need volunteers - One or two hours of your time to volunteer would be greatly appreciated. Any entertainers out there? Please contact Fr Dom Our Marketing Stalls are slowly coming together. We have Gloria Lorlina Floral & Gifts, Maria handbags and Wattle Lane Designs. We need more! Hurry secure your spot!

International Food stalls are run by our parishioners - Holland, Italy, Indian, Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Thailand, and Australia.

We need more parishioners to come forward to showcase their country of origin. Spot provided are Free of Charge.

JB Spring Fair Committee is happy to welcome a new member, Amanda Newell.

Any enquiries please contact: Josie 0407203593

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.

We meet on the fourth Saturday of every month.

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.

JB Social Group



Join us for a tour of St Mary's Cathedral on **Friday 21 July**. We will be travelling by coach for a guided tour of the cathedral and the crypt. The tour will run for approximately one and a half hours and covers the history of the main cathedral and cathedral crypt. There are steps with handrails leading down to the crypt which then need to be used to go back up to the cathedral.

Following the tour we will proceed to Circular Quay where there is a selection of restaurants and cafes to choose from for lunch.

The cost will be \$30 which covers the coach and the cathedral tour fee. Lunch is at your own expense.



We will be departing from the Western Sydney Parklands Plough & Harrow entrance off Elizabeth Drive. There is plenty of all day car parking available. When you enter the Parklands you immediately come to a "T" intersection, turn

right and head towards the car park. People will need to be assembled by **8.30 am** as the bus will depart at 8.45 am. We should return around 3.30pm to 4.00pm.

For all enquiries and to reserve a seat/s, please contact Valerie Buhajiar on 0417 244 285 to advise number attending and your contact phone number by Friday 23 June.

Full payment will be required to be made to Leanne in the parish office by Wednesday 12 July.

2023-2024 Planned Giving Envelopes

The new Planned Giving Envelopes commencing 1st July 2023 are now available in the Church foyer. Please ensure you pick up your correct envelopes by checking your name and address and discard all envelopes from previous years as they may no longer be used. Contributions received from Planned Giving are the major source of income for the running expenses of the Parish. For example, running the office, Secretary's wages, expenses of pastoral initiatives, building and maintenance of the parish facilities, etc. Paying for the CWF deficit and insurance are also big expenses. Thank you to all Parishioners who already support the Parish, the tax receipts for the end of this financial year will be available in July. If you are not yet a member and would like to join our Planned Giving Program with 35% tax deduction, please complete the form on this bulletin and return it to the Parish Office or contact Leanne at the office on 9823 2572.

Three things in life that, once gone, never come back
Time; Words; Opportunity.

Three things in life that can destroy a person:
Anger; Pride; Unforgiveness.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

Don't forget to buy your Catholic Weekly after Mass this weekend for just \$2.00.

You can read about Catholic walk with Christ last Sunday.

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

Sick: Rivan POULS, Gerald BOSOKY, Dominic ATTARD, Antonietta De MARTIN, Olivia TOOLE, Despina JOANNIDES, Benito CARBONE, Leilah DANIEL, Dominic EMPEIGNE, Essa, Pamela MARTIN, Ivy FERNANDES, Royala & Gayle, Michael, Brian AULSEBROOK, Theresa MERECIECA, Avelino San BUENAVENTURA, Guisepina ANDRONACO, Mariola, Rita DALLI, Alexander (Sandy) ANDERSON, Jessie ZAMMIT, John DEMICOLI, Judy DIVANI, Lachlan BENSON, Gino BORG, Gung Jec MENG, Cindy CALDEJON, Julia CEFAI, Melda MIZZI, Rita SHAH, Virgilio MARIANO, Kristian SERIC, Gary LOMAS, Nolita HERBERT

Recently Deceased: Chris DUNCAN, Vincent HENDRICKS, Giovanni SACILOTTO (Biona Italy), Leo Di BARTOLO, Freddie SACCO, Churchill VANDERWERT

Anniversary: Ngo Hai BUAI, Kue Chai LEE

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:

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year A)

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ What I have received from God "without cost" is.....
- ♦ I have given to God's people "without cost" when.....
- ♦ My baptism mandates me to be a labourer of Christ's compassion because.....

First reading

Exodus 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus

From Rephidim the sons of Israel set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

99:2-3, 5

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second reading

Romans 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 9:36-10:8

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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