



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 4

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - 8:00am

St Cyril of Alexandria,
bishop, doctor

Wednesday 7:00pm

St Irenaeus, bishop, martyr

Thursday - 9:00am

Sts Peter and Paul, apostles

Friday - 9:00am

First Martyrs of Holy Roman
Church

Saturday - 9:00am

NEXT SUNDAY

1/2 JULY

(13th 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

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

24th & 25th June, 2023

Let Go Of Your Fears

A news story said the police caught a man red handed trying to cash a phoney cheque and took him down to the police station. While the officers were distracted, the crook grabbed the cheque off the desk and swallowed it to get rid of the evidence. No problem: the police waited five or six hours and then charged the guy for passing a bad cheque twice.

When we are doing the right and good thing then we have nothing to be afraid of, we actually want people to know about our action which make us proud of, and we easily make connection with people who know of it. While fear can be very alienating, when we become aware of our wrong and bad doing we tend to isolate ourselves from God and others. We hide ourselves from the truth as a result we imprison ourselves in lies, guilt, anger, panic, compulsive behaviour etc.

In today's Gospel, Jesus encouraged us, "Have no fear; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing is secret that will not be known." Humans are vulnerable when we don't want others to know about thing which we are not proud of. We also often feel insecure and fear of the unknown, particularly during 2020-21 there was so much fear about Corona Virus, which effects many people physically, emotionally and mentally. But when we pray we entrust the unknown into God's caring hands then we'll feel secured and our fear will cease to exist. We tend to pray asking God to give us success, promotion, health, power, possessions. All of these are requests to boost the ego and are ultimately seeking security in the wrong place. They are seeking happiness through asking God to deliver us from the suffering that is the normal burden of life, and when God does not grant what we ask we become frustrated and more fearful. Jesus encouraged us fear not in the Gospel for "every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows..."

Let us pray that we can let go of our fear and insecurities as our trust in God is growing and our relationship with God is deepened.



Catechism of the Catholic Church

307 To human beings God even gives the power of freely sharing his providence by entrusting them with the responsibility of 'subduing' the earth and having dominion over it. God thus enables men to be intelligent and free causes in order to complete the work of creation, to perfect its harmony for their own good and that of their neighbours.

Kindness is the ability to love people more than they deserve.

HAPPY FEAST DAY

NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

John the Baptist parish is a welcoming, supportive community of believers inspired by the life of Jesus. We are called to make Christ present in our parish, in our local community and in our world.

Our mission is to know Christ and to make him known; to be a community committed to discovering Christ present in each person through our ministry to each other, our service to the wider community, the joyful celebration of the Eucharist and other sacraments, and our active concern for social justice.



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.

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 1/2 JULY	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	M Camilleri A Vlahadamis	J Finucane J Poljak	E Villegas J Mataele	R Capolupo A Vanderwert
Extraordinary MINISTERS EUCARIST:	A Vlahadamis D Vella M Camilleri	D Sullivan J Finucane S Xuereb	T Nguyen M Aulsebrook R Hibbs	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. 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.

Look today to John the Baptist, an enduring model of fidelity to God and his Law.

John prepared the way for Christ, by the testimony of his word and his life. Imitate him, with docile and trusting generosity.

St Pope John Paul (1920-2005)

Feasts of the Week



St Cyril of Alexandria, was born in Alexandria, Egypt. He was the Patriarch of Alexandria from 412 to 444. He was enthroned when the city was at the height of its influence and power within the Roman Empire. A theologian who wrote extensively and was a leading antagonist in the Christological controversies of the late 4th and 5th centuries. He was declared a doctor of the Church by Pope Leo XIII in 1882.

Feast Day: June 27



Saint Irenaeus was a Greek bishop noted for his role in guiding and expanding Christian communities in what is now the south of France.

His early writings entitled him to a high place among the fathers of the Church and laid the foundations of Christian Theology. Originating from Smyrna he had seen and heard the preaching of Polycarp, the last known living connection with the Apostles, who in turn was said to have heard John the Evangelist.

Feast Day: June 28



St Peter also known as Simon Peter, had humble beginnings and became one of the Twelve Apostles. He was the first Apostle to perform miracles in the name of the Lord. He was instrumental in bringing the Gospel to the Gentiles. Peter is considered the first Pope.

Feast Day: June 29



St Paul is one of the most important and influential of all the saints. He even presided over the persecutions of the early Christians and was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen. St Paul was converted from Judaism on the road to Damascus. He was the ultimate missionary, travelling throughout many countries and lands, preaching the Gospel of Jesus. He established numerous Churches during his travels and was even imprisoned several times.

Feast Day: June 29



First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church

The holy men and women are also called the "Protomartyrs of Rome." They were accused of burning Rome by Nero, who burned Rome to cover his own crimes. Some martyrs were burned as living torches at evening banquets, some crucified, others were fed to wild animals. These martyrs died before Sts. Peter and Paul, and are called "disciples of the Apostles." . . . whom the Holy Roman church sent to their Lord before the Apostles' death."

Feast Day: June 30

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:

Desire Ioane



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



CONFIRMATION 2023

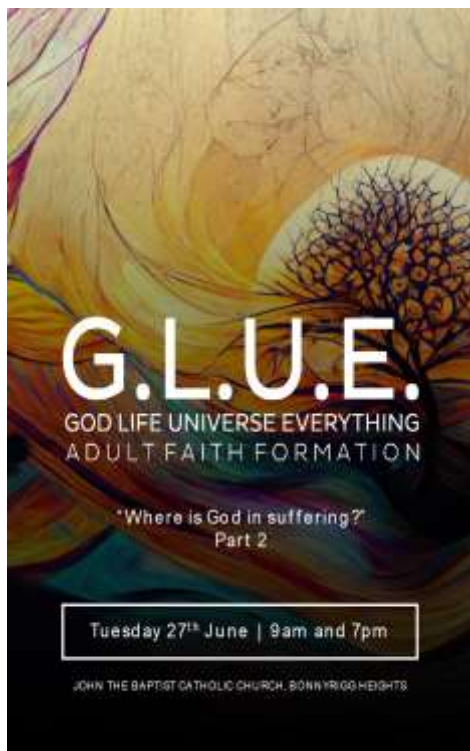
Confirmation for John the Baptist Parish will be held on 17th September 2023 at St Mary's Cathedral. A parent meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th July commencing at 7.00pm in the Church with enrolment to follow. Enrolment forms are available from the Parish Office. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Linda on 0409 914 083.

HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL 2023

Our parish, in union with all parishes around the world, will hold the annual Holy Father's Appeal next weekend – 1st and 2nd July – for which we ask your support. Through your gift, you can help Pope Francis bring hope, faith, and the spirit of Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world.

Thank you.

Donate by visiting www.ourfaithhourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal, phone 1800 753 959 or through our parish collection.



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

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.

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

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

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

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 CEFAL, Melda MIZZI, Rita SHAH, Virgilio MARIANO, Kristian SERIC, Gary LOMAS, Nolita HERBERT

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

Anniversary: Mirella ZULIC, Deodata LAY, Monica GOMEZ, Paul ALVARO, Angela ALBANESE, Frank KNOX

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:

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year A)

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ When I follow Jesus faithfully, the oppositions I face are.....
- ♦ The kinds of fears that I have when my faith is opposed are.....
- ♦ During difficult times God assures me and cares for me by.....

First reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!"
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!'
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me.

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures.

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Second reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:26, 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 10:26-33

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

