



# 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 2

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - 8:00am

*St Benedict, abbot*

Wednesday 7:00pm

Thursday - 9:00am

*St Henry*

Friday - 9:00am

*St Camillus de Lellis, priest*

Saturday - 9:00am

*St Bonaventure, bishop,  
doctor*

## NEXT SUNDAY

15/16 JULY

(15th 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

## 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

8th & 9th July, 2023

### Find Rest Through God

In his letters St. Francis de Sales tells about a custom of the country districts in which he lived. He had often noticed a farm servant going across a farmyard to draw water at the well. He also noticed that, before she lifted the brimming pail, the girl always put a piece of wood into it. One day he went out to the girl and asked her, "Why do you do that?" She looked surprised and answered, as if it were a matter of course, "Why? To keep the water from spilling, to keep it steady." Writing to a friend later on, the bishop told this story and added, "So when your heart is distressed and agitated, put the Cross into its centre to keep it steady."

In today's Gospel Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest."

*Shoulder my yoke and learn from me...*

Through the words and deeds and life of Jesus, it is easy to see that suffering is a part of a human life. What makes us great and special is not the avoidance of suffering but how we cope with it. Jesus does not promise us that he will take away our sufferings (his own was not taken away 'Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, let your will be done, not mine.') But he assures us that he will make our burdens light: "My yoke is easy and my burden light."

Though easy and light it will still be burden! That is why we are invited to be humble and be like little children who can put ourselves and our problems in God's hands. When we grow older we tend to exchange a child's dependence on people for an adult's dependence on things, like money, alcohol and drugs etc. Therefore, prayer should be helping us to let go, to be open to God, to God's will, to become voluntarily dependent on God.

Let us pray for the grace of humility to accept our creature-status so that we will learn to entrust our worries, burdens, problems in God's hands in order to find 'rest for our souls'.



### Catechism of the Catholic Church

2779 Humility makes us recognised that 'no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him', that is, 'to little children'. The purification of our hearts has to do with paternal or maternal images, stemming from our personal and cultural history, and influencing our relationship with God...

**Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young;  
but be an example to other believers in your speech, behaviour, love,  
faithfulness and purity.**

1tim4:12.

### Jesus Light of the World Communities – Day Retreat

29 July 2023 (Saturday) 9:30 am – 4:30 pm

**"You are VICTORIOUS"**

Marina George - Speaker

A devoted Catholic lady who loves sharing her deep relationship with God the Father, the love of Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

St Joseph's Parish Hall

Walz St, Rockdale, NSW (Parking Entry at Parker St.)

Booking Essential, FREE Lunch & Afternoon Tea

Enquiries: Helen – 0433 455 114 Ida – 0424 267 500

Email: [jlowcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:jlowcommunity@gmail.com)

### Overshadowed: Filled with the Power of the Holy Spirit, 18-20 August 2023

Join the MGL Sisters in a weekend retreat exploring what happens we say yes to the Holy Spirit. Experience the life-changing power of deepening in God's love, surrendering to Jesus and living under the grace of the Holy Spirit.

**Venue:** Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville NSW

**Booking:** <http://www.trybooking.com/CFBQX> (by 11 August)

**Contact:** Katherine - [mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com](mailto:mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com)

### OUR LADY OF TERZITO ANNUAL FEAST

will be held at **Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Gladesville** (cnr Westminster & Victoria Rds) on **23rd July, 2023, with Mass at 1:30pm** followed by a procession in the street and Benediction.

It will be preceded by a tridium on Thursday 20th July, Friday 21st July and Saturday 22nd July with the Rosary at 7:10pm followed by Mass.

A small amount of onsite parking is available via Oxford Street

### CATHOLIC WEEKLY

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



### 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 15/16 JULY	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
<b>READERS:</b>	L Krslovic G Turnbull	L Barilla J Finucane	M Hourmozi S Ives	A Vanderwert R Capolupo
<b>Extraordinary MINISTERS EUCHARIST:</b>				



### 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 Benedict** was a mere teenager when he left the sinful world to live a life fasting and praying in the desert mountains. After years of prayer, word of his holiness brought nearby monks to ask for his leadership. He warned them he would be too strict for them, but they insisted. He set up twelve monasteries

in Subiaco where monks lived in separate communities of twelve. Benedict left these monasteries when envious attacks made it impossible to continue the spiritual leadership he had taken.

It was in Monte Cassino he founded the monastery that became the roots of the Church's monastic system. Instead of founding small separate communities he gathered his disciples into one whole community. His own sister, Saint Scholastica, settled nearby to live a religious life.

In Latin the meaning of the name Benedict is: blessed. From benedictus meaning blessed. Famous bearers: 6th-century Italian saint Benedict of Nursia founded the Benedictine order of monks and nuns. **Feast Day: July 11**



**St Henry** was born in 972. He received an excellent education under the care of St. Wolfgang, Bishop of Ratisbon. In 995, St. Henry succeeded his father as Duke of Bavaria, and in 1002, upon the death of his cousin, Otho III, he was elected emperor. Firmly anchored upon the great eternal truths, which the practice of meditation kept alive in his heart, he was not elated by this dignity and sought in all things, the greater glory of God. He was most watchful over the welfare of the Church and exerted his zeal for the maintenance of ecclesiastical discipline through the instrumentality of the Bishops. He gained several victories over his enemies, both at home and abroad, but he used these with great moderation and clemency. In 1014, he went to Rome and received the imperial crown at the hands of Pope Benedict VIII. The humility and spirit of justice of the Saint were equal this zeal for religion. Both he and his wife, St. Cunegundes, lived in perpetual chastity, to which they had bound themselves by vow. The Saint made numerous pious foundations, gave liberally to pious institutions and built the Cathedral of Bamberg. His holy death occurred at the castle of Grone, near Halberstad, in 1024. **Feast Day: July 13**



**St Camillus de Lellis** was a Roman Catholic priest from Italy who founded the Camillians, a religious order dedicated to the care of the sick. He was beatified by Pope Benedict XIV in the year 1742, and canonized by him four years later in 1746. **Feast Day: July 14**



**St Bonaventure** (France) on this day in 1274. He joined the Franciscans when studying in Paris and eventually became minister general of the order. Later appointed cardinal-bishop of Albano and died assisting Pope Gregory X during the Council of Lyons. Known as the "Seraphic Doctor". Remembered as a teacher, for his extensive biblical and mystical writings, and for his holiness, gentleness, and compassion. **Feast Day: July 15**

## 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: .....

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I wish to commence Planned Giving Program.

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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 for John the Baptist Parish will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at St Mary's Cathedral. A parent meeting will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 thanks go to all who opened their hearts and gave generously to the **Holy Father's Appeal**. Through your gift, you have given hope to those in most need of our compassion.

If you missed our appeal weekend, it is not too late to give.

Donate by visiting [www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal), phone 1800 753 959 or through our parish collection.



### SEA SUNDAY 2023

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living.

Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually.

To assist this Catholic ministry, please send your donations to:  
<https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-Sunday-appeal/>

### G.L.U.E.

Fr Ben will be a World Youth Day from 21st July - 11th August.

G.L.U.E. will NOT take place in July.

We will recommence on Tuesday 29th August.



**Presents**  
**Saturday Trilogy**  
**"Man, Rock, Beacon"**  
**Men in the modern family"**

#### Speakers:

**Peter Holmes - Father as a rock**

**Steven Buhagiar - Masculine Fruitfulness**

**Jim Jankiewicz - Family Dynamics and Relationships**

**Date: July 22nd 2023**

**Time: 9am**

**Cost: \$25 per person**

**John the Baptist Church**

### 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, 22nd July 2023** (not 25th as incorrectly state on the letter sent out earlier in the year)

**Location:** John the Baptist Parish Hall

**Time:** 3.00pm-5.00pm

**Cost:** Free

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.

### 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.

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



Sick: Errol O'DWYER, 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 MERCECA, 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: Frank CEFAL, Francesco FROIO, Kathleen RAVEN, Agnes BURKE, Carlos LAY, Chris DUNCAN

Anniversary: Rina FAVOTTO, Helen ZERAFA, Maria NAPULI, Agostino CAVALLARO, Vincent MICALLEF, Casimero CASTOR

Other: Giuseppe & Giuseppina LETTIERI, Giuseppe PETRULLA & Family, Rosaria & Pasquale PETRULLA, Giovanni & Carmela BONARIGGIO, Pasquale & Rosa LETTIERI & Family, Nicola & Antonia VITERALE & Family, Frank LUONGO, Angelo PELLEGRINO, Benito MAZZEO, Giovanni GOTTARDO, Rafaele & Pepe CAFASSO, Franco VITERALE and all the Souls in Purgatory especially those who have no one to pray for them, Michael GRIMA, Jimmy FENECH, Marion FENECH, Maryanne FENECH, St Anthony, All Souls

## 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:

### 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year A)

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

## Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ I have come to know Jesus as "meek and humble of heart" by.....
- ♦ I embody Jesus as "meek and humble of heart" for others when I.....
- ♦ What God has revealed to me through the "little ones" is.....

## First reading

**Zechariah 9:9-10**

### A reading from the prophet Zechariah

The Lord says this:

Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!  
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!  
See now, your king comes to you;  
he is victorious, he is triumphant,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will banish chariots from Ephraim  
and horses from Jerusalem;  
the bow of war will be banished.  
He will proclaim peace for the nations.  
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,  
from the River to the ends of the earth.

## The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

**144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14**

### *I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

I will give you glory, O God my king,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.

*I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

*I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God.

*I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down.

*I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

## Second reading

**Romans 8:9, 11-13**

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

## The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

**cf. Matthew 11:25**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

**Matthew 11:25-30**

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

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Should my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

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