



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 1

Monday - No Mass

St Ignatius of Loyola, priest

Tuesday - 8:00am

St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop,
doctor

Wednesday 7:00pm

St Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop

St Peter Julian Eymard, priest

Thursday - 9:00am

St Dominic, priest

Friday - 9:00am

St John Vianney, priest

Saturday - 9:00am

NEXT SUNDAY

5/6 AUGUST

(Transfiguration of the Lord
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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

30th & 31st July, 2023

Reflect on what is important.

There was a rich restaurant owner who is dying on a bed. While he was breathing heavily, the doctor calls his family members together and tells them that he only has a few more hours to live. So they all gather around his bed. The doctor wakes him up so they can say goodbye. The man opens his eyes, murmuring: *"Thank you my loving wife, John my eldest son, Jane and Jean my daughters, Steve and Brian my sons, for being here with me."* He suddenly startled and called out, *"O my God, you're all here! Then who is looking after the restaurant?"* 'Where our treasure is, our thought is.'

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes people who discover the beauty of the kingdom of heaven will do everything they can to obtain it. It requires a total commitment and total letting go of self. The first part is about the man who stumbles on a treasure by accident in a field and then goes and sells everything that he has so that he can buy the field. The second is about the merchant who has been searching and who on finding a special pearl sells all that he has and buys it. The third parable is about the fishing net that catches worthless fish as well as good ones. In every vocation we're called to be, we need to reflect on what's important and give meaning to our lives. For instance, if we consider Jesus' message is important then we'll meditate on his words and respond to it whole heartedly. If we consider family gives meaning to our lives then we will spend time and put our effort in deepening the relationship of our family members. These commitments are relevant to our prayer life, which will help us to experience the joy of a committed life.

Let us pray that we will choose wisely what is important to our lives and may we treasure it and dedicate ourselves to its values.



Catechism of the Catholic Church

546 Jesus' invitation to enter his kingdom comes in the form of parables, a characteristic feature of his teaching. Through his parables he invites people to the feast of the kingdom, but he also asks for a radical choice: to gain the kingdom one must give up everything...

**Before you criticize someone, walk a mile in their shoes;
That way, when you criticize them, you will be a mile away
and you will have their shoes.**

Thank you for your continual financial support of the Parish. I offer my sincere thanks to everyone for your generosity in giving faithfully to the Planned Giving and other collections in the Parish. Your contributions enable us to support good work for the common good of all and to share in the mission of Jesus Christ that is to reach out to those who are in need.

If there are any queries or suggestions that you would like to offer to the Parish Council, Finance Committee, Building Committee please let us know.

Once again many thanks for your generosity.

Fr Dominic Dinh

Children's Liturgy of the Word



What is Children's Liturgy of the Word?

During Children's Liturgy of the Word, the children pray together. They hear and respond to the Gospel (simplified for children), in their own time and space, with Children's Liturgy Leaders. The children then return to the Church for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

All children who are 4-8 years of age are welcome to attend.

4 years old (accompanied)

5-8 years old (unaccompanied)

Parents are welcome to go to Children's Liturgy with their child.

At John the Baptist Catholic Church, Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place during the following Mass times....

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am

(not during school holidays)



All Children's Liturgy Leaders have a Working with Children Clearance.

Ministries Next Week 5/6 AUGUST	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	J Victorino A Vlahadamis	L Agoo T Simpson	I Naamo J Mataele	A Vanderwert J Lentini
Extraordinary MINISTERS EUCARIST:	B Empeigne F Bushby S Toma	F Foti B O'Connor D Sullivan	E Villegas C Porreca M Aulsebrook R Hibbs	S Cook G Vanderwert



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.

Feasts of the Week



St Ignatius of Loyola was born in Spain. He was a soldier in the Spanish army in wars against the French. After the military he studied the Saints and decided to be a soldier of the catholic faith. Along with St Francis Xavier and 7 other students, started the Society of Jesus or Jesuits in 1534. The Society of Jesus found its niche in education. Before Ignatius died in 1556, his order established 35 schools and boasted 1,000 members. Today, the Society of Jesus is known for its work in educating the youth around the world. Several universities have been founded in the name of Ignatius and in the traditional Jesuit spirit. The Jesuits also perform many other important works around the globe.

Feast Day: July 31



St Alphonsus Liguori was born in the village of Marianella near Naples, Italy, September 27, 1696. At the age of sixteen, he graduated in law. Shortly after, he was admitted to the Neapolitan bar. In 1723, he lost a case, and God made use of his disappointment to wean his heart from the world. In 1726 he was ordained a priest. In 1732, God called him to found the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer. About 1756, he was appointed Bishop of St. Agatha, a diocese he governed until 1775, when broken by age and infirmity, he resigned this office to retire to his convent where he died. Few saints have laboured as much, either by word or by writing, as St. Alphonsus. He was a prolific and popular author, the utility of whose works will never cease. His last years were characterized by intense suffering, which he bore with resignation, adding voluntary mortifications to his other pains. His happy death occurred at Nocera de Pagani, August 1, 1787.

Feast Day: August 1



St Dominic was born into a rich, noble Spanish family. By the time he was 21 he had sold everything he owned so that he could help feed the homeless population of Spain. He was a Castilian priest and founder of the Dominican Order and was friends with St Francis of Assisi. He pursued a life of humility and obedience dying at 51.

Feast Day: August 3



St John Vianney
St John Baptiste Vianney was born in France in 1786. After being drafted into the army, he deserted and returned home and entered the seminary in 1813. He was assigned to Ecully and in 1818 he became Cure, as pastor of Ars. He spent 11 to twelve hours each day working to reconcile people with God. In the summer months, he often worked 16-hour days working in the confessional, administering the Sacrament of Penance, or Reconciliation. St. John Vianney would often say: "Private prayer is like straw scattered here and there: If you set it on fire, it makes a lot of little flames. But gather these straws into a bundle and light them, and you get a mighty fire, rising like a column into the sky; public prayer is like that."

Feast Day: August 4

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 :

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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.



Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Isabella Fallone & Mala Taufah

May they always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout their lives.



CONFIRMATION 2023

Enrolments are now CLOSED.

A Group Leaders Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th August commencing at 7.00pm in the Church.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Linda on 0409 914 083.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOS will be available for collection in the Parish Meeting Room on **Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th August between 7:00 and 8:30pm.**

2023-2024 Planned Giving Envelopes

The new Planned Giving Envelopes commencing 1st July 2023 are now available in the Church foyer.

2022/2023 PG Tax receipts

Tax receipts for 2022/23 are now available to be collected from the Church foyer. There are still some new envelopes waiting to be collected. Please ensure you pick up your correct envelopes by checking your name and address. If you know someone from the neighbourhood, please deliver envelop or tax receipt for us.

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.

HELP NEEDED

HAVE YOU GOT A "GREEN THUMB"?

The Piety Store will have a Plant Store at the JB Spring Fair this year to help raise funds for The Community Care Group. All profits from the sale of plants will help provide assistance to the disadvantaged in our immediate and broader community.

However, we need stock!

Are you able to help us by propagating plants with cuttings from your gardens?

We have a number of free pots in the Piety Store which are available for your use. If you are able to assist, we ask that you nurture your cuttings until October. They can then be left outside the Piety Store during October so that your donated plants can be sold at our Fair.

Your generosity and your time would be greatly appreciated.

JB SPRING FAIR 22nd October 2023



12 WEEKS TO GO!! Jumping Castles, Popcorn, Fairy floss and many more for a gold coin only.

FACE PAINTER – our Spring Fair is looking for a face painter, are you interested?

Volunteers as Parking attendants, and helpers on the day. One or two hours of your time to volunteer would be greatly appreciated.

Can you sing and/or dance? Have you entertained family and/or friends as a magician? Are you a DJ? Are you a Choir looking to showcase your group's talents? Why not perform at our Spring Fair!

We still have places for external businesses at \$25 per spot to market your products or services. Payment can be made at our Parish Office to secure a spot.

WHERE ARE YOU? Croatia, Assyria, Middle Eastern, Mauritius, Fiji, Tongan – Come share your cultural food.

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

G.L.U.E.

Fr Ben will be at 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.

JB SOCIAL GROUP



Join us as we enjoy the magnificent scenery of the lower Hawkesbury on the Riverboat Postman cruise on Friday 15 September. We will be travelling by coach to the wharf at Brooklyn where we will board the boat for a 3 hour cruise. The Hawkesbury mail boat delivers mail and other essentials to a number of remote settlements up river from Brooklyn.

The cruise will include a morning tea and lunch. Morning tea is percolated coffee/tea and homemade Anzac biscuits. Lunch is a ploughman's lunch comprising ham, salad, cheese, Turkish rolls, pickles and chutney.

The cost will be \$80 which covers the coach and the cruise, and includes morning tea and lunch.



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 7.45 am as the bus will depart at 8.00 am. We should return around 3.30pm to 4.00pm.

For all enquiries and to reserve a seat/s, please contact Valerie Buhajar on 0417 244 285 to advise number attending, your contact phone number and any dietary requirements by Friday 25 August. (Please also include the name of the person/s with a dietary requirement).

Full payment will be required to be made to Leanne in the parish office by Friday 1 September.

Should you wish to attend and are experiencing financial hardship please speak with Father Dominic.

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

Sick: Fernanda CHUNG, 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 MERCIECA, 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: Tomislav Johny PELIKAN, Dr Blake LOUGHRAN, Cornelia MENDOZA, Frank CEFAL, Francesco FROIO
Anniversary: Agostino BADINO, Guia Miranda Del VALLE, Casimero CASTOR

Other: Michael GRIMA, Jimmy FENECH, Marion FENECH, Maryanne FENECH, Holy Souls in Purgatory



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:

Transfiguration of the Lord - (Year A)

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ Some ways - by chance, search, or discernment - that I have encountered the kingdom of heaven are.....
- ♦ For me, the kingdom of heaven is like.....
- ♦ The "new and the old" that are part of my storeroom of God's treasures are.....

First reading

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold.

Lord, I love your commands.

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come and I shall live
for your law is my delight.

Lord, I love your commands.

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways.

Lord, I love your commands.

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple.

Lord, I love your commands.

Second reading

Romans 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord

