



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 3

Monday - No Mass

St Denis, bishop, martyr, and
companions, martyrs

St John Leonardi, priest

Tuesday - 8:00am

Wednesday 7:00pm

St John XXIII, pope

Thursday - 9:00am

Friday - 9:00am

Saturday - 9:00am

St Callistus I, pope, martyr

NEXT SUNDAY

14/15 OCTOBER

(28th 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

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

7th & 8th October, 2023

God's Vineyard

A ranger stopped a fisherman and asked to see his fishing licence. "This is last year's licence," the ranger informed him. "I know", said the fisherman, "But I shouldn't need a new licence, I am only catching the fish that I missed last year."

In today's Gospel story we read of the owner of the vineyard who sends out his servants to collect from his tenants. But the tenants beat one, killed another and stoned a third. After this pattern was repeated the landowner decided to send his own son, thinking, "They will respect my son." But they dragged him outside the vineyard and killed him. The allegory is clear. The owner is God and the tenants are the people of Israel, the Jews. The servants are the Prophets and the various messengers and were sent to convert Israel. The Son is Jesus who was taken outside the city of Jerusalem and killed. The vineyard was then given to other tenants, the Gentiles or the non Jews in other words to all who became believers. This important shift indicates that God is no longer sought only in a particular group but inclusively God sought among all people who are conscious of God's work and of the role God entrusted to them.



Today we are called to acknowledge God's presence in all people and in all places. This development must begin with our personal prayer lives. It is from being present in prayer at our own centres that we learn to be present to liturgy, worship and God's work.

Let us be conscious and grateful of our life and what God entrusted to us, may we try our best to live our life and to bring God's work to its fulfilment.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

755. 'The Church is a cultivated field, the tillage of God. On that land the ancient olive tree grows whose holy roots were the prophets and in which the reconciliation of Jews and Gentiles has been brought about and will be brought about again. That land, like a choice vineyard, has been planted by the heavenly cultivator. Yet the true vine is Christ who gives life and fruitfulness to the branches, that is, to us, who through the church remain in Christ, without whom we can do nothing'.

**Your job won't take care of you when you
are sick.
Your family and friends will,
so stay in touch.**





Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Day

We invite you to gather
at 7.30 pm, on Thursday, 12 October
in All Saints Catholic Church
48 George Street, Liverpool
to remember our babies.



As part of

International Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day.
Supper will be provided after the liturgy.

Off-street parking is available via the Elizabeth Street gate.

RSVP Monday, 9 October 2023



Phone 9753 6500

Email: info@cpasl.org.au

Remembering Our Babies October 12th



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, 28th October.

Location: John the Baptist Parish Hall

Time: 3.00pm-5.00pm

Cost: Free

Afternoon tea will be provided.

Dates for the remainder of the year are as follows:

Saturday, 18th November

Saturday 9th December

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.

2024 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS FOR SALE \$10

Ministries Next Week 14/15 OCT	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5.30 pm
READERS:	M Camilleri A Pace	J Poljak S Hely	G Zangari M Zangari	R Capolupo J Lentini
Extraordinary MINISTERS EUCARIST:	A Vlahadamis M Camilleri A Pace	Delicia Vella A Liberatore F Foti	M Aulsebrook R Hibbs J Habib N Laureti	G Vanderwert R Imbert



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 Denis or Dionysius as he is also called) was born and
raised in Italy, he was sent as a missionary to Gaul (now
France) circa 250 A.D. by Pope St Clement along with five
other bishops. Denis made his base missionary activity an
island in the Seine near the city of Lutetia Parisiorum -- what
would become Paris. For this reason he is known as the first bishop
of Paris and the Apostle of France. There he was captured by the
Parisians along with Rusticus and Eleutherius. After a long
imprisonment and several aborted executions, the three martyrs
were beheaded with a sword and their bodies were thrown into the
river. Denis' body was retrieved from the Seine by his converts and
buried. The chapel that was built over his tomb grew into the
abbey of Saint Denis. Denis is pictured as he was martyred—
headless (with a vine growing over the neck) and carrying his own
mitred head. **Feast Day: October 9**



St John Leonardi was born at Diecimo, Italy. He became a
pharmacist's assistant at Lucca, studied for the priesthood,
and was ordained in 1572. He gathered a group of laymen
about him to work in hospitals and prisons, became
interested in the reforms proposed by the Council of Trent,
and proposed a new congregation of secular priests. Great to his
proposal developed, but in 1583, his association (formally
designated Clerks Regular of the Mother of God in 1621) was
recognised by the bishop of Lucca with the approval of Pope
Gregory XIII. John was aided by St. Philip Neri and St. Joseph
Calasanctius, and in 1595, the congregation was confirmed by
Pope Clement VIII, who appointed John to reform the monks of
Vallombrosa and Monte Vergine. He died in Rome on October 9th
of plague contracted while he was ministering to the stricken. He
was venerated for his miracles and religious fervour and is
considered one of the founders of the College for the Propagation
of the Faith. He was canonized in 1938 by Pope Pius XI.
Feast Day: October 9



St John XXIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli on 25th
November, 1881 in Sotto il Monte, Italy and died from
cancer on 3rd June, 1963. He was the 260th successor of
St Peter. He was one of the most popular and influential popes of
all times reigning from 1958-1963 and inaugurated a new era in the
history of the Roman Catholic Church by his openness to change,
shown especially in convening the Second Vatican Council and
changing the Church forever. He wrote several socially important
encyclicals, most notably *Pacem in Terris*. He was beatified on 3rd
September, 2000 and canonized on 27th April, 2014.
Feast Day: October 11



St Callistus I began his life as a slave. The saint caused a
major controversy, including a schism that lasted almost two
decades, by choosing to emphasize God's mercy in his
ministry. However, the early Pope's model of leadership has
endured, and his martyrdom in the year 222 confirmed his example
of holiness. Because no completely trustworthy biography of Pope
Callistus I exists, historians have been forced to rely on an account
by his ecclesial enemies, Hippolytus, so it presents a somewhat
biased and unfavorable view of Callistus. Hippolytus was the clear
favorite for papal election but he was passed over in favor of
Callistus, causing Hippolytus no small amount of envy. Hippolytus
vehemently disagreed with Callistus' policy of reversing the
excommunications of those who had committed murder and adultery
and bringing them back into the Church, upon their repentance.
Feast Day: October 14

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.



RCIA – DO YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

Many adults are welcomed into the Catholic Church each year through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA):

1. The non-baptised are suitably prepared are welcomed into the Catholic Church by the reception of the three Sacraments of Initiation, namely Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.
2. Those from other Christian denominations are received into full communion with the Catholic Church.



3. Any catholic adults (baptised) but not yet confirmed.

RCIA will commence Thursday 12th October 7.30pm in the parish meeting room.

For inquiries contact either the parish office, or talk to the priests.



JB Social Group Bus Trip



Join us as we meander down the coast to Kiama on **Friday 24 November**. Along the way we will stop at Stanwell Tops and Sea Cliff Bridge to enjoy the spectacular scenery. We will then continue to Kiama to view the blowhole and light house.

Following this we will lunch in Kiama where there is a selection of cafes, fish and chips shops and the Leagues Club from which to choose.

The cost will be \$30 which covers the coach and morning tea. Lunch is at your own expense.

We will be departing from the Western Sydney Parklands, Plough and Harrow entrance off Elizabeth Drive. There is plenty of all day parking available. When you enter the Parklands you immediately come to a "T" intersection, turn right and head towards the car park. Everyone will need to be assembled by about **8.20am** as the bus will depart at 8.30am. 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, names and contact phone number by Friday 27 October.

Full payment will be required to be made to Leanne in the parish office by Wednesday 8 November.

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



PARISH HOUSEIE VOLUNTEERS:

We are in need of volunteers to help with our Parish Houseie at the Liverpool Catholic Club on **Saturdays from 12:00pm to around 4:45pm on a monthly roster**. If you can assist in anyway please see Fr Dominic or contact the parish office on 9823 2572.



**22nd October 2023
JB SPRING FAIR**

**DON'T MISS OUT THIS EXCITING DAY OF FUN AND LAUGHTER!!
2 SUNDAYS TO GO!!**

Jumping Castles, Popcorn, Fairy floss, Face Painting, for a gold coin donation only.

There will be Snow Cones, a Barista for coffee lovers and for food lovers an array of cultural food from Italy, Croatia, Australia, Holland, Thailand, Vietnam, India, Malaysia, Philippines, Tonga and Assyria.

To entertain you on the day, we have, Studio 5 School of Dance, West Dance Co, Philippines and Tongan Choir, a Singer, and a Pianist.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help.

WANTED More Volunteers!! If you can help please place your name and contact number on the sign up sheets on the Church noticeboard outside the Church or contact Susan 0419 606 683.

Mauritius parishioners why not come forward to share your cultural cuisine.

Contact: Susan 0419 606 683 (after 3:30pm) or Sharon 0410 494 700 (after 5:30pm)

Fr Ben has a podcast!

Move your phone camera over the QR code to be linked to the Youtube page.



G.L.U.E.

GOD LIFE UNIVERSE EVERYTHING
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Ask Fr Ben ANYTHING!
Benjamin.Saliba@sydneycatholic.org

Tuesday 31st Oct | 9am and 7pm

JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH, BONNYRIGG HEIGHTS

PUBLIC ROSARY

Zoom Host - Katherina
Every 13th of the month at 7pm

Zoom Details:
Meeting ID: 861 8463 9187
Passcode: 459184

Please refer to Australia Needs Fatima's Facebook & website for updated details

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

Sick: Isaac BOYLEN, Kathy BOWLING, Alex, Levi ONG, Carmen CARUANA, Fernanda CHUNG, Errol O'DWYER, Rivan POULS, Gerald BOSOKY, Dominic ATTARD, Antonietta De MARTIN, Olivia TOOLE, Benito CARBONE, Leilah DANIEL, Dominic EMPEIGNE, Essa, Pamela MARTIN, Ivy FERNANDES, Royala & Gayle, Michael, Brian AULSEBROOK, Theresa MERECICA, Avelino San BUENAVENTURA, Giuseppina 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: Azaleayah MIKAERE, Maria Rosa CAPASSO, Peter DUNDOVIC, Matthew BENTLEY, Paolina TORRESAN

Anniversary: Maria DUNDOVIC, David FENECH, Josephine VELLA, Mary BUSUTTIL

Other: Peter DUNDOVIC, Lewis VELLA, Michael GRIMA, Jimmy FENECH, Marion FENECH, Maryanne FENECH, St Anthony, St Jude and St Rita, 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 - F r 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:

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year A)

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ What it means to me to be a *tenant* (and not the owner) of God's vineyard is.....
- ♦ That fruit that I have produced for the Lord is.....
- ♦ I assist others to produce fruit for the Lord by.....

First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.

My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.

He dug the soil, cleared it of stones
and planted choice vines in it.

In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.

He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,

I ask you to judge

between my vineyard and me.

What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?

I expected it to yield grapes.

Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you

what I am going to do to my vineyard:

I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.

I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.

I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts

is the House of Israel,

and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.

He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

79:9, 12-16, 19-20
The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.

It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Then why have you broken down its walls?

It is plucked by all who pass by.

It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.

God of hosts, bring us back;

Isaiah 5:1-7

let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Second reading

Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

cf. John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will
be taken from you and given to a people
who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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