



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 3

Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 8:00am
Wednesday 7:00pm
Thursday - 9:00am
Friday - 9:00am
Saturday - 9:00am

NEXT SUNDAY

20/21 APRIL

*(Fourth Sunday of Easter
Year B)*

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

Third Sunday of Easter (Year B)
13th & 14th April, 2024

Rise through your challenges

The new of Wellington's victory at Waterloo was brought by sailing ship to the south coast of England. From there by semaphore it was wig-wagged over land toward London. Finally the message reached the roof of Winchester Cathedral: "Wellington defeated..."

A heavy fog covered the landscape and the signals from view. The sad news was relayed to London, plunging the citizens into a deep gloom. In a short time, the fog lifted and the remainder of the message came through: "Wellington defeated the enemy."

Quickly the news raced on...lifting gloomy hearts from sadness to joy. Similarly, that is a picture of Good Friday's... "Christ defeated" ...to Easter's more complete: "Christ defeated the enemy."

In the atmosphere of loss, disappointment and fear, the risen Jesus reveals himself to his disciples. "They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost." To convince his disciples that it is really he, and not some phantom or ghost, he shows the marks of his suffering and eats before them. Then he tells them what he has explained to the two: his suffering was according to what was written about him as the Messiah. The suffering and the victory of the Messiah are signs of God's reconciliation with men and women. The time of suffering and doubt is over. It is now the time to set hearts burning in Jesus' victory over sin, death and hopelessness.



The resurrection of Jesus was a hidden event. Jesus did not rise from the grave to baffle his opponents, to make a victory statement, or to prove to those who crucified him that he was right after all. Jesus rose as a sign to those who loved him and followed him that God's divine love is stronger than death. To the women and men who committed themselves to him, he revealed that his mission had been fulfilled. To those who shared in his ministry, he gave the sacred task to call all people into new life within him. He tells his disciples to go and preach repentance, reconciliation and peace.

Let us pray that we will learn to put our trust in Jesus and in his saving power so that we can overcome our doubt, disappointment and fear when facing challenges in our life.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

2044 The fidelity of the baptised is a primordial condition for the proclamation of the gospel and for the church's mission in the world. In order that the message of salvation can show the power of its truth and radiance before men, it must be authenticated by the witness of the life of Christians. 'The witness of a Christian life and good works done in a supernatural spirit have great power to draw men to the faith and to God.'

Behold, I make all things new.
(Rev. 21:5)

A EUCHARISTIC RETREAT DAY
for those involved in Liturgical Ministries

11 May 2024, 10AM - 4PM

St Martha's, Leichhardt



LITURGY OFFICE
Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney



DOMINICAN SISTERS OF
Saint Cecilia
founded in 1886 - Nashville

Register using [Trybooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com)

Questions: sydneyeop-tn.org

All liturgical ministers are invited, e.g. Ushers, Greeters, Collectors, AV Operators, etc. Liturgical ministers, such as Readers, Acolytes, Cantors and Musicians, Sacristans, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

READERS WORKSHOP St Martha's

38 Renwick Street, Leichhardt

2nd and 9th May 2024

6:00pm - 9:00pm

Ideal for any new readers



Ministries Next Week 20/21 APRIL	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	A Pace A Vlahadamis	L Barilla J Poljak	E Villegas M Aulsebrook	R Capolupo A Vanderwert
Extraordinary MINISTERS EUCHARIST:	A Pace T Vartuli M Finn	D Sullivan Delicia Vella D Triganza	C Porreca E Villegas V Buhajjar M Aulsebrook	S Cook R Imbert



The Office of Safeguarding has updated the voluntary roles that require a Working With Children Check as follows:

◆ Youth Ministers, Workers and Leaders

- ◆ Catechists in State Schools
- ◆ Children's Choir Leaders
- ◆ Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
- ◆ Sacramental Group Leaders
- ◆ Children's Liturgy Leaders
- ◆ Acolytes, Senior Altar Servers

If you volunteer in any of these ministries a WWCC needs to be submitted to the Parish Office before commenting in the role. WWCCs are renewed every 5 years and the updated WCC also needs to be submitted to the Parish Office. Your date of birth and address is also required to allow the parish secretary to verify the WWCC with the Office of Child Protection.

Thank you



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.

CATECHIST INFORMATION

The following workshops are for all catechists/ helpers that only completed the 1.1 to 1.3 courses either this year as a new recruit or in past years. 1.4 and 1.5 are mandatory and must be completed by the end of this year. Please see which date suits you best and mark your calendars. If interested in attending please email Trevor at Trevor.DalBroi@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

1.4 & 1.5 Training

Please find below dates, times and locations for upcoming 1.4 & 1.5 training.

- 1.4 & 1.5 - Wednesday 5th June – St Joseph Moorebank Parish Hall, 9:45 AM – 1:00 PM
- 1.4 & 1.5 - Monday 17th June – Our Lady of the Rosary Fairfield Parish Hall, 9:45 AM – 1:00 PM
- 1.4 & 1.5 - Wednesday 19th June – John the Baptist Bonnyrigg Parish Hall, 6:30 PM– 9:00 PM
- 1.4 & 1.5 - Monday 24th June – All Saints Liverpool Parish Hall, 9:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Please note that the 1.4 & 1.5 modules will be provided on the same day.

Enquiries: Nina Laureti 0408465149

Together we proclaim the Good News to little children.

Nina



Invites you to our April Men's Group meeting **Friday 19th April at 7:30pm**

This month, we'll be having our usual Gospel reading followed by Mike Jacobson's testimony who is a recently baptised Catholic.

April is also the month of the Camino of St Joseph (April 26-27) which is a yearly overnight walking pilgrimage for men in honour of St Joseph the worker, if you are interested in attending, contact us.

Together we empower each other to become Christ-like role models in our families and community.

To join the men's group or to find out more, email jbmg@johnthebaptist.org.au or call/SMS Daniel on 0411 254 520

Happily Ever... Before & After



REJUVENATE YOUR MARRIAGE

Join us **Saturday 25th May, 2024 @ John The Baptist Catholic Parish**

9am Mass (optional)

9:30am - 2pm (Morning Tea & Lunch \$10pp) arrive 9:20am

Register via the **QR code** or poster outside church by 21/5/24

For enquiries contact:
Marian & Andrew - 0421 355 857
Or Josie & Charlie - 0408 284 224
Or Father Dominic



The Liverpool Catholic Club President and Board of Directors have pleasure in inviting you to the

53rd Annual Mass and Communion Luncheon
Sunday 5 May 2024 at 11am

All Saints Catholic Church

At the conclusion of the Mass a luncheon will be served at "Grand Ballroom" Liverpool Catholic Club \$45 per member (Luncheon by ticket only) Bookings are essential. Buy tickets online or at the Club's rear foyer.



Baptisms: If you wish to Baptise your child please contact the parish office to make an appointment with Fr Dominic.

Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Arthur Hong Cross

May he always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout his life.



JORDAN YOUTH GROUP

Years 5, 6 and 7 students are welcome to join the Jordan Youth Group in our Parish commencing **Saturday March 23rd 2024 at 3-5pm in the Parish Hall**. Afternoon Tea will be provided at no cost.

Our aim is to encourage young people within our community to come together to socialise and learn about our Catholic faith. Children will participate in prayer, social activities, games, short films and group discussions. The Jordan Youth Group is run by a group of regular parishioners from our community who hold current Working with Children checks.

To register complete the form at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CQATW>

Youth Group will be held on:

SATURDAYS		
	29th June	28th September
20th April	27th July	26th October
25th May	31st August	23rd November
End of Year Jordan Group Celebration - Saturday 14th December		

Have you just retired or have been retired for a while?

Then join us!

Thursday 18th April 2024

For a morning tea after 9am mass or at 9.45am at the church. It will be a chance to meet people from our parish and an opportunity to discuss how our parish can assist you and involve you in our parish. Any questions or enquires please call Josie 0407 203 593.



Mary MacKillop Place – JB Social Group



Join us as we visit Mary MacKillop Place on **Friday 24 May**.

Mary MacKillop Place is located in North Sydney and is a place of pilgrimage. There is a chapel for quiet reflection and prayer where the tomb of Saint Mary MacKillop is located, a museum which celebrates the life, work and spirituality of Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods, gardens and a gift shop.

Along the way we will stop for morning tea under the Harbour Bridge, weather permitting.

Lunch will be at The Rocks where you will be able to choose from a number of cafes, pubs and restaurants.

The cost will be \$35 per person which covers the coach, morning tea and entry into the Mary MacKillop Museum. Lunch is at your own expense.

For all enquiries and to reserve a seat/s, please contact Valerie on 0417 244 285 to advise number attending and your contact phone number as soon as possible.

Full payment will be required to be made to Leanne in the parish office by **Wednesday 15 May**.

We will be departing from the Western Sydney Parklands Plough & Harrow entrance off Elizabeth Drive. There is plenty of all day car parking available. Please be assembled by **8.15am** as the bus will depart shortly thereafter. We should return around 3.30pm to 4.00pm.

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



YOUTH MASS

We will be holding a Youth Mass for all young people in the parish on the **First Sunday** evenings of the Month at **5:30pm**. **Our next Youth Mass will be held on Sunday 5th May**.

Following Mass pizza will be served.

Please bring your friends along.

GIRLS DAY OUT AT THE SHRINE

Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa
Wednesday 17th April (14-17 years) and Thursday 18th (11-13 years)
Limited Spaces -See noticeboard.



Condolences Our condolences are extended to the Dubuisson-Perrine family and extended family on the loss of their wife, mother and grandmother Nicole. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Nicole's funeral will be held here at John the Baptist on Wednesday 17th April at 10:00am

PIETY STORE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SUNDAY MORNINGS

All the Piety Store profits go towards our Community Care Fund. The fund is there to help people and in some cases charities, who are in need. (e.g. Bushfire and Flood relief).

With sufficient interest in this important ministry in our church, we are hoping that you would only be rostered, in pairs, once a month for approx. half an hour before mass and approx. 20 minutes after mass.

If you are interested please leave your name and contact details with the current volunteers in the Piety Store or phone Leanne in the Parish Office on 9823 2572

We look forward to hearing from you, Pauline and Millie.

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

Sick: Wilfred TAMAYO, Rosley, Angel & Andrea, Nada BIRKIC, Matthew AZZOPARDI, Gabriella, Peter CASEY, Kathy BOWLING, Alex, Levi ONG, Carmen CARUANA, Fernanda CHUNG, Rivan POULS, Antonietta De MARTIN, Olivia TOOLE, Benito CARBONE, Leilah DANIEL, Dominic EMPEIGNE, Essa, Pamela MARTIN, Ivy FERNANDES, Michael, Brian AULSEBROOK, Giuseppina ANDRONACO, Mariola, Rita DALLI, Alexander (Sandy) ANDERSON, Jessie ZAMMIT, Judy DIVANI, Lachlan BENSON, Gino BORG, Gung Jec MENG, Cindy CALDEJON, Julia CEFAL, Melda MIZZI, Rita SHAH, Virgilio MARIANO, Gary LOMAS

Recently Deceased: Nicole DUBUISSON-PERRINE, Romualdo UYANGUREN, John ZAMMIT, Deun HANNARONG, Elizabeth Sabayanon GAMO, Vinh NGUYEN

Anniversary: Gaita PACE, Luciano FONTANOT

Other: Francis Xavier & Maria, Granparents, Michael GRIMA, Jimmy FENECH, Marion FENECH, Maryanne FENECH, St Anthony, St Jude and St Rita & All 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 Breaden
Morning Teas: Teresa Vartuli
Jordan Youth Group: Tamara Vella
Housie: Valerie Buhajiar /
Money Counting: Victoria Baltazar
Men's Group: Branko Poljak
Ascension Prayer Group: Susan D'Cruz
For any inquiries, please call the parish office.

Next Sunday:

Fourth Sunday of Easter - (Year B)

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Reflection Questions.....

- Jesus has "touched" me when..... I have "touched" others with the presence of the risen Lord when.....
- Examples of how I have experienced the risen Lord through repentance and forgiveness are.....
- The new life I have experienced this Easter season is.....

First reading

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.'

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

4:2, 4, 5, 9

Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

Lord, let your face shine on us.

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

Lord, let your face shine on us.

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Lord, let your face shine on us.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Lord, let your face shine on us.

Second reading

1 John 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,

is a liar,

refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:35-48

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

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