



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 4

Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 8:00am
St George, martyr
St Adalbert, bishop, martyr
Wednesday 7:00pm
St Fidelis of Sigmaringen,
priest, martyr
Thursday - 9:00am
Anzac Day
Friday - 9:00am
St Mark, evangelist
Saturday - 9:00am
St Louis Grignon de
Montfort, priest

NEXT SUNDAY

27/28 APRIL

(Fifth 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

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

20th & 21st April, 2024

The Good Shepherd

One day as Gandhi stepped aboard a train, one of his shoes slipped off and landed on the track. He was unable to retrieve it as the train was moving away. To the amazement of his companions, without hesitation Gandhi calmly took off his other shoe and threw back along the track to land close to the first. Asked by a fellow passenger why he did so, Gandhi smiled, *"The one who finds the shoes lying on the track, will now have a pair that he can use."* Gandhi conscious of the needs of others, knew and lived Jesus' words closely. *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."* There are three qualities that speak about a good shepherd that is **'understanding, caring and self-sacrificing'**. For Jesus, the true disciple was the good shepherd who was deeply committed to his sheep. He knew where the good pastures were and led the sheep to them, even over rough ground. The good shepherd would lead and walk ahead of his flock.

Today's gospel on the Good Shepherd Sunday reminds us that Jesus considers each one of us as his own. His love and concern for us is always personal. *"I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father."* While it is true that all of us belong to one human race, his love for each one of us is always uniquely special. He knows all of us by name. It is precisely because his love for each one is unique that the care he bestows is always suited to one's needs, one's temperament and psychological makeup. It is a love that respects and gives consideration for our individual uniqueness as persons.



We are all called to be good shepherds in our own right. Some of us may hold seemingly ordinary positions, but none of these are insignificant. For instance: parents to their children, teachers to their students, employers to their employees, priests to their parishioners etc.

Let us pray that we are all aware of our roles and commitments towards others especially to those whom we are called to be good shepherds to.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

754 The church is, accordingly, a sheepfold, the sole and necessary gateway to which is Christ. It is also a flock of which God himself foretold that he would be the shepherd, and whose sheep, even though governed by human shepherds, are unfailingly nourished and led by Christ himself, the Good Shepherd and Prince of Shepherds, who gave his life for his sheep.

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 1880 - 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 27/28 APRIL	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	J Victorino G Turnbull	S Hely L Agoo	G Zangari M Zangari	
Extraordinary MINISTERS EUCHARIST:	T Vella T Oraha A Vlahadamis	J Finucane F Foti A Liberatore	S D'Cruz G Dunn J Habib S Hambrook	




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.

Lest we forget...




“They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.”


Feasts of the Week



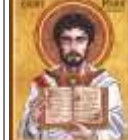
St George was born to a Christian family in Cappadocia around the year 280. After moving to Palestine, he joined the army of Diocletian. When the emperor issued the edict of persecution against Christians in 303, George gave all his belongings to the poor and, in front of Diocletian himself, tore the document apart and professed his faith in Christ. For this he suffered terrible torture and was eventually beheaded. Shortly after his death, a basilica was erected over the place of his burial in Lydda (modern-day Lod, in Israel). His relics are still visible today. **Feast Day: April 23**




St Adalbert
Adalbert of Prague, known in Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia by his birth name Vojtěch, was a Bohemian missionary and Christian saint. He was the Bishop of Prague and a missionary to the Hungarians, Poles, and Prussians, who was martyred in his efforts to convert the Baltic Prussians to Christianity. **Feast Day: April 23**



St Fidelis of Singaringen
Franciscan Capuchin martyr. He was born Mark Rey in Singaringen, Germany, in 1577. A practicing lawyer, he travelled across Europe as a tutor to aristocrats but then started defending the poor. In 1612, he became a Franciscan Capuchin monk, taking the name of Fidelis. A missionary to Grisons, Switzerland, Fidelis was so successful that local Protestants claimed that he was a spy for the Austrian Emperor. Fidelis was stabbed to death in a church in Seewis. He was canonized by Pope Benedict XIV. Fidelis served also as the head of the Congregation for the Spreading of the Faith. **Feast Day: April 24**



St Mark
Much of what we know about St. Mark, the author of the Second Gospel, comes largely from the New Testament and early Christian traditions. He was the son of Mary of Jerusalem whose home became a meeting place for the apostles. He is also the cousin of St. Barnabas a Levite and a Cypriot. Mark also held a close relationship with St. Peter and was not one of the twelve apostles. St. Mark lived for years in Alexandria, where he died as a martyr while being dragged through the streets. In 828, relics of St. Mark were stolen from Alexandria and taken to Venice, Italy. There they are enshrined in a beautiful cathedral dedicated to the saint. St. Mark's symbol is a winged lion. **Feast Day: April 26**



St Louis Grignion de Montfort
Louis Mary Grignion was born to a poor family on January 31, 1673 at Montfort, France. He was educated at the Jesuit college in Rennes and was ordained there in 1700. He was assigned as chaplain to a hospital at Poitiers, and his much needed reorganization of the hospital staff caused great resentment, leading to his resignation. However, during his stay there he organized a group of women into the Congregation of the Daughters of Divine Wisdom. Eventually Louis went to Rome where Pope Clement XI appointed him missionary apostolic, and he began to preach in Brittany. His emotional style caused much reaction, but he was successful, especially in furthering devotion to the Most Blessed Virgin through the Rosary. He also wrote a very popular book, True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin. In 1715, Louis organized several priests and formed the Missionaries of the Company of Mary. He died in 1716 at Saint-Laurent-sur-Sever, France, and was canonized in 1947 by Pope Pius XII. **Feast Day: April 28**



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



JORDAN YOUTH GROUP

Years 5, 6 and 7 students are welcome to join the Jordan Youth Group in our Parish on **Saturday May 25th 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 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.



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.

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

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.

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: Nhan TRIEU, Tony PISCOPO, Domenico SICILIANO, Nicole DUBUISSON-PERRINE, Romualdo UYANGUREN, John ZAMMIT, Deun HANNARONG

Anniversary: Tarcisus ZAMMIT, David GOLANY

Other: Michael GRIMA, Jimmy FENECH, Marion FENECH, Maryanne FENECH, St Anthony, St Jude and St Rita & 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: 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:

Fifth Sunday of Easter - (Year B)

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31
Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24
Gospel: John 15:1-8

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ I have heard the voice of Jesus as my Good Shepherd when.....
- ♦ I could improve my hearing his voice by.....
- ♦ I could improve following his voice by.....

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men;
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

I will thank you for you have answered
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
You are my God, I thank you.
My God, I praise you.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end.

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Second reading

A reading from the first letter of St John

1 John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:11-18

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.

'I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock,
and one shepherd.

'The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay
it down,
so it is in my power to take it
up again;
and this is the command I
have been given by
my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

