



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 2

Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 8:00am
Wednesday 7:00pm
Thursday - 9:00am
Friday - 9:00am
*St John de Avila, priest,
doctor*
Saturday - 9:00am

NEXT SUNDAY

11/12 MAY 2024

*(The Ascension of the Lord
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

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)
4th & 5th May, 2024

Remain in God's love

A widow in her 80's thought about moving to a retirement village. Her youngest son who has no car, came to help her pack. The widow decided to give him her new car because she has no need for the car. When her other children heard this, they argued about how their mother would divide her assets. The widow heard about their concern, she gathered them together and told them that her things were hers to decide whom she wanted to give them to. What she did with her belongings had nothing to do with her love for each of them, and she felt disappointed about them arguing. She gave away her car because their brother needed it. She hoped they knew that she loved each of them equally. After they had left, the widow wondered what more she had to do to help her children know of her love for each of them.

The Gospel today raised the same question: what more God had to do to help us knowing of God's love for us. "A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends. If you do what I command you." This is a challenged love. The great indicator of growth in our spiritual lives is when we move from the attitude of a servant to the free but, in its own way, more demanding attitude of a friend or relative. Servants work definite hours and walk out if they do not like what they are asked to do. But friendship will go beyond, especially in difficult times. Friendship entails mutual fidelity and loyalty. If we are friends of Jesus then we want to do his will. Love will not want to offend even in the least.

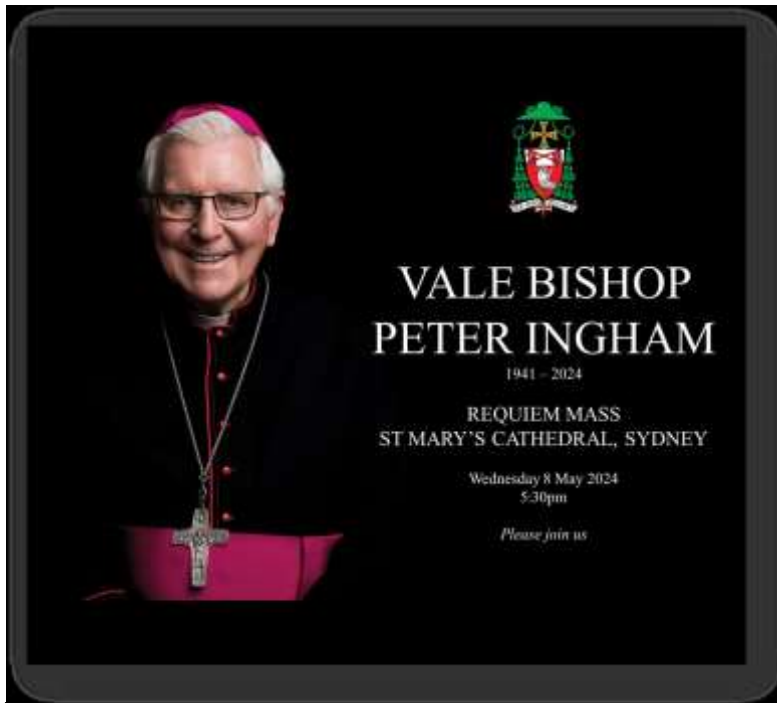
During the month of May we contemplate on Mary, our spiritual mother. She had entrusted her life totally in God's hand and faithful to God's words. Let us learn from Mary, "I am the Lord's servant, let it be done to me according to your will." Despite all the sufferings and hardships, she never complained but tried to fulfil God's will. From the bottom of her heart she continues to praise God "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit exults in God my saviour." Like Mary, may we always remain in God's love by keeping Jesus' commandments.



Catechism of the Catholic Church

2745 Prayer and Christian life are inseparable, for they concern the same love and the same renunciation, proceeding from love; the same filial and loving conformity with the Father's plan of love; the same transforming union in the Holy Spirit who conforms us more and more to Christ Jesus; the same love for all men, the love with which Jesus has loved us. 'Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he (will) give it to you. This I command you, to love one another.'

**Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while,
but their hearts forever.**



VALE BISHOP PETER INGHAM

1941 – 2024

REQUIEM MASS
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY

Wednesday 8 May 2024
5:30pm

Please join us

REQUIEM MASS FOR BISHOP PETER INGHAM

Archbishop Fisher will celebrate a Requiem Mass for Bishop Peter Ingham on Wednesday 8th May 5.30pm at St Mary's Cathedral. The casket will be present for the Mass before it is transported to Wollongong for Mass of Christian Burial.

The Solemn Pontifical Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Friday 10th May at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 36 Harbour Street, Wollongong.

Ministries Next Week 11/12 MAY	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	A Pace L Krslovic	L Barilla S Hely	M Hourmozi J Tekiko	R Capolupo V Arbanas
Extraordinary MINISTERS EUCCHARIST:	M Camilleri M Finn B Empeigne	B O'Connor L Agoo L Barilla	V Buhajjar M Aulsebrook S D'Cruz G Dunn	S Cook C Vella



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 commencing in the role. WWCCs are renewed every 5 years and the updated WWCC 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.



MOST REVEREND VINCENT LONG VAN NGUYEN OFM CONV
BISHOP OF PARRAMATTA, CORDIALLY INVITES YOU
TO THE ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE MASS FOR

Mr Menard Gaspi

SATURDAY 11 MAY 2024, 6PM
VIGIL MASS OF THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
ST JOHN XXIII PARISH, STANHOPE GARDENS

Dear St. John the Baptist community,

My name is Menard Gaspi. I graduated Freeman Catholic College in 2004.

By the goodness and mercy of the Lord I have been accepted as a candidate for the Priesthood for the Parramatta Diocese. I will be ordained a Deacon on Saturday 11th May at St. John XXIII parish in Stanhope Gardens at the 6pm mass, the Solemn Feast of the Ascension of our Lord.

I am grateful for my years of formation at Freeman, the guidance of Bishop Bill, and honoured to share this time of celebration with the community. I humbly ask for your prayers during this time.

Thank you.
Menard Gaspi

If you know of anyone who can no longer attend mass due to illness; or if you have noticed one of our parishioners is no longer attending mass, could you please let Fr Dominic or the office know.

Feasts of the Week



St John de Avila

The Apostle of Andalusia and the spiritual advisor of St. Teresa, St. Francis Borgia, St. John of the Cross, St. Peter of Alcantara, and others. He was born on January 6, 1499, at Almodovar del Campo, Spain. After studying law at the University of Salamanca, he left the university to be a hermit. He then went to Alcala, where he was ordained. John drew great crowds with his fiery denunciations of evil and his many sermons. A brief imprisonment by the Inquisition in Seville made him even more popular. His missionary efforts were centered on Andalusia, and his letters and other writings have become Spanish classics. John was canonized in 1970.

Feast Day: May 10



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:

Luca Cancino



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 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 Group will be held on:

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

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.

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



CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Saturday 21st September 2024. Further details will follow at the end of next term. Please keep watching this space.

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

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) PASTORAL APPEAL



This weekend is the CWF appeal which continues to play an important role in providing social, pastoral, advocacy and training programs through its 6 agencies. The CWF is your Catholic charity and we encourage you to give it your generous support. Couples, families, refugees, migrants, our future priests, Catholic public school children, the deaf and hearing impaired are just some of the people you are helping by supporting the CWF. There is so much which can be done with your donations, so please give generously. Kindly use the special envelopes provided.

Annual Cake/Biscuit Stall

The Piety Store will be holding a cake/biscuit stall on the **weekend of 18/19 May**, before and after Masses.

All items are home made by the ladies of our parish.

Monies raised through this, go to support the poor and disadvantaged of our community.

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: Bishop Peter INGHAM, Jean GARARD, Nhan TRIEU, Tony PISCOPO, Domenico SICILIANO, Nicole DUBUISSON-PERRINE, Romualdo UYANGUREN, John ZAMMIT

Anniversary: John DA RIN, Esther MUSCAT, Katie CUTIJAR

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:

The Ascension of the Lord - (Year B)

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ To be Christ's friend means to me.....
- ♦ Where God is asking me to lay down my life for another is....
- ♦ It is evident to me that I have been chosen by God to bear fruit because.....

First reading

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

97:1-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second reading

1 John 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.
God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:

not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:9-17

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.
Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.

I have told you this
so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.
This is my commandment:
love one another, as I have loved you.
A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,
if you do what I command you.
I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know
his master's business;
I call you friends,
because I have made known to
you
everything I have learnt from my
Father.

You did not choose me:
no, I chose you;
and I commissioned you
to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last;
and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my
name.

What I command you
is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

