



St. John the Baptist Catholic

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 - 8am

Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs

Tuesday - 8am

Wednesday - 7:00pm

St Boniface, bishop, martyr

Thursday - 9:10am

*St Norbert, bishop
St Marcellin Champagnat,
religious*

Friday - 9:10am

Saturday - 9:10am

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 8/9 JUNE

(Pentecost Sunday Year C)

Saturday Vigil Mass:

5:30pm

Sunday Masses:

8:00am, 10:00am and

5:30pm

4th Sunday of the Month:

5:30pm Mass in Tagalog

1st Friday of the Month:

7:00pm Mass in

Vietnamese

1st Saturday of the Month

Fatima Devotions 7.45am

Adoration/Benediction

8.30am

Reconciliations:

Saturdays — 4:15 — 5:00pm

Sunday — 5:00 — 5:15pm

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office
or Fr Dominic 0423 420 639

The Ascension of the Lord (Year C)

1st & 2nd June, 2019

Ascension

Earlier in the year when school began, I observed some painful departing of the parents and their children especially those in kindergarten. There were some parents who stood around for a while after their children had gone into their classroom. Leaving often is a painful experience for us all. It entails a separation, a letting go. It involves putting an end to activities we used to do together, with lots of fun and laughter, though with conflicts and sorrow at times.

This Sunday we celebrate the **Feast of the Ascension of the Lord**, when Jesus *“withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven.”* (Lk. 24:51) Surely there was a sense of sadness when Jesus left his disciples and they may no longer hear, see or touch him, but there was a sense of peace and calm because they were commanded, *“You are witnesses to this”* i.e. Jesus’ resurrection and in his name forgive sins. As described by St Luke in his gospel and in the Acts of the Apostles, the Ascension of Jesus is a call to witness to the story of what he did and said, and to preach repentance for sin to all nations. It is very beautifully put in Acts, *“He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and said, ‘why are you men of Galilee looking up into the sky?’”* In effect he was saying to them that the physical Jesus had moved on. They should not continue to gaze into the sky but they should concretize his presence by their activity in the world around them.

“And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.” Jesus promised His Spirit to the believers, I believe this message is also for each one of us who are called to be the witness for Jesus in the world. Jesus wanted us to proclaim the love and goodness of God to all people. It is important for us to respond to a God who is here, not longing for a God who is out there. May we reach out to show the face of Jesus who lives on in our hearts through his Spirit to the whole world.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

659 ‘So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.’... Jesus’ final apparition ends with the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolised by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God’s right hand.

Dear Lord,

So far today, I am doing all right I have not gossiped, lost my temper, being greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self indulgent. I have not whined, complained,

cursed, or eaten any chocolate. I have charged nothing on my credit card.

But I will be getting out of bed in a minute, and I think I will really need your help then.

Thank you Lord.

Fr Dominic

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



Sick: Fr Jack SOULSBY, Danilo DE LEON, Janette SMITH, Jessie TREZEVANT, Jane GALEA, Joseph DEGUARA, Janelle CLIFTON, Isabelle CROUCHE, Giuseppina LETTIERI, Inez BUGEJA, Claudio Da SILVA, Bozana VUKOV, Diana VUKOV, Judy VELLA, Giuse, Giuseppe PIGNATARO, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Nancy VARTULI, Jessie ZAMMIT

Recently Deceased: Donna CORDINA, Milla BENIGNI, Lucy AZZOPARDI, Santa PROCHILO

Death Anniversary: Kue Chai LEE, Ngo Hai BUAI

Other: Marion FENECH, Jimmy and Maryann FENECH, Special Intention St Anthony and St Jude for favours received



CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS

Enrolments will take place on the weekend of **Saturday 29th June** and **Sunday 30th June** the **Parish Hall** at the following times:

Saturday 29th June- 4:00pm - 5:00pm and 6:30pm-7:00pm
 Sunday 30th June - following 8:00am and 10:00am Masses.

You are required to bring a **copy of your child's Baptism Certificate** together with \$35 contribution fee to successfully enrol for the Sacrament.

For further information please contact Linda Barilla on 9607 4993.

Condolences Our condolences are extended to Ron Cordina and family on the loss of their dear wife and mother Donna. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Donna's funeral will take place this coming Monday 3rd June here at John the Baptist Church commencing at 10:30am.

We ask that you please pray for the children who are making their First Holy Communion on 16th June as they prepare at their retreat this weekend.

NAMETAG SUNDAY: On the First weekend of every month we invite people to make a name tag for themselves before they enter the Church so we can make ourselves known to one another and welcome new members to our Parish.

PARISH WORKING BEE
SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 8am-12pm
 To prepare our grounds for the Feast Day Celebrations, we are having a working bee to tidy the Church and surrounds on Saturday morning 22nd June. Some of the gardens need a little attention too. Any time you can spare will be much appreciated on the day. Please bring along your preferred cleaning supplies/garden tools and remember to sing on. Morning tea will be provided. Any enquiries - Grant 0409 958 744

Could the Ngo Family (William, Nikki, Aria and Isla please contact the Parish Office at your convenience on 9823 2572.

ATTENTION READERS: The new roster is now available for collection after all Masses this weekend.

Heart Women's Conference
Date: 20-22nd June, 2019
 Venue: Fairfield RSL, 14 Anzac Ave, Fairfield NSW 2165
 Register: Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com Ph: 1300 734 880
 Email: heart@TheCatholicGuy.com

Trivia Questions

In what year was the Temple in Jerusalem destroyed?
 Why was this a significant event in the history of the early church?
 Where did the early Christians celebrate Baptism and the Eucharist?
 Why did they do it? **Find out the answers next week!**



COME AND CELEBRATE!!!!
JOHN THE BAPTIST FEAST DAY
 and the
30th Anniversary
of John the Baptist Primary School
SUNDAY 23rd June 2019

Mass at 10am- followed by Procession to JB Playing field

FOOD VANS, Coffee VANS
Or bring a picnic!
FREE Jumping Castle and Slide for Children!!!
11am-2pm



All former students, current students, staff and parishioners WELCOME!

SPREAD THE WORD!!!

We have some VIPs attending- so come and catch up with some old friends, and teachers and have fun with new friends!

Come for MASS or just come for the CELEBRATIONS
Parking on Gloucester Street will be open

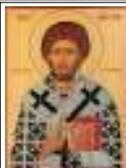
Saints of the Week



Charles Lwanga and Companions

Charles took over the instruction and leadership of the Christian community in Uganda after the "White Fathers" were expelled. King Mwanga hated Christians and condemned to death all who refused to stand by him. Charles protected the young boys of the court and baptised as many as possible. After being made to trek 37 miles, Charles and many others were burnt to death. He and the other Catholic martyrs of Uganda were canonized after Mwanga's death and the return of the White Fathers.

Feast Day: June 3



St Boniface

Beneath a mighty oak tree, St Boniface once stopped some pagans from the bloody sacrifice of a boy by blocking the death blow of a hammer with his Bishop's crook thereby splitting the hammer in two. Boniface then told the people of Jesus Christ, mankind's saviour who sacrificed himself so that others may live forever. A nearby fir tree was to be a symbol of Christ, for its leaves are evergreen and pointed toward heaven. The tree was to be taken into their homes, "not to shelter deeds of blood, but loving gifts and rites of kindness".

Feast Day: June 5

Patron: Brewers and World Youth Day



PARISH SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Baptisms - If you wish to Baptise your child here in the Parish you will need to attend **10:00am Mass this Sunday 2nd June**. Following Mass Fr Dominic, Fr Richard and Deacon Mervyn will meet with you in the Parish Hall.



PIETY STORE CAKE STALL

Our annual cake stall will be held this weekend (Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd June, 2019.) All proceeds from this sale go towards helping the disadvantaged in our community.

MENS MINISTRY NETWORK BREAKFAST AT JOHN THE BAPTIST Saturday 29th June

8am: Registration/Adoration/Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 8:30am: Mass
 9:15am: Hot Breakfast served
 10am: Keynote Speaker Robert Haddad, on "Faith Under Fire"
 10:30am: Group discussion, Q & A
 11:30am: Closing Prayer
 Contact Parish Office: 9823 2572, E: info@johnthebaptist.org.au
 Mob: 0411 281 299 Branko Poljak

Upcoming Parish Activities Save the date!

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

- Sunday 16th June** - First Holy Communion
 - Sunday 23rd June** - Parish Feast Day and 30 Years John the Baptist Primary School
 - Saturday 29th June** - Men's Breakfast
 - Friday 13th September** - Confirmation
 - Saturday 14th September** - Confirmation
 - Sunday 29th September** - Annual Catechist Mass at St Mary's Cathedral
 - Thursday 3rd October** - Ignite Conference
 - Sunday 27th October** - JB Community Fair
 - Tuesday 12th November** - First Reconciliation
 - Thursday 14th November** - First Reconciliation
- Further information will be provided closer to the dates.**

SOCIAL WALKING GROUP: If you are interested in joining a group to walk around the local area - nothing too strenuous - for an hour or so on a Tuesday or Friday morning please contact Linda on 9607 4993 or 0409 914 083.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS: Recently a volunteer (not from our Parish) **working alone** had a fall while setting up for services at their Parish, which could have had dire consequences. The incident was reported to Safe Work NSW. Please make sure that as a valuable volunteer and member of our Parish that you **do not work alone** while on Parish property.

Ministries Next Week 8/9 JUNE	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	A Pace J Oliveri	S Davies J Finucane	J Habib C Porreca	V Arbanas M Zangari
EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER	A Pace J Victorino A Jameson C Araco L Topic T Micali	D Triganza L Barilla R Morellini M Jebrail M Esposito	G Dunn N Dubuisson S D'Cruz T Vartuli S Hambrook H Fenech	S Cook M Mai G Vanderwert D Pham
CHURCH COUNTER	M Davies			
CLEANERS: CHURCH				
ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER	02/06/2019	09/06/2019	16/06/2019	23/06/2019
	M De Luca	S Leonello	R Marciano	C Monteleone
10AM MORNING TEAS	02/06/2019	09/06/2019	16/06/2019	23/06/2019
	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4

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.

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 yellow form will need to be completed)

RAISE YOUR VOICES!

Entrance Antiphon: *Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.*

Communion Antiphon: *Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.*

Next Sunday:

Pentecost Sunday (Year C)

First Reading: Genesis 11:1-9

Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27

Gospel: John 7:37-39

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ I know that I am "clothed with power from on high" when I.....
- ♦ I am a new Presence of Christ to my family, friends, co-workers in these ways.....
- ♦ I feel Jesus' blessing upon me when..... It affirms me by.....

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

46:2-3, 6-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:19-20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples, '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.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord

