



St. John the Baptist Catholic

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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Monday - 8am

St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor

Tuesday - 8am

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Wednesday - 7:00pm

Thursday - 9:10am

Friday - 9:10am

Saturday - 9:10am

St Apollinaris, bishop, martyr

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 20/21 JULY

(16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 13th & 14th July, 2019

The Good Samaritan

During the first few centuries of Christianity, many famous teachers loved to tell the parable of the Good Samaritan. Many Fathers of the early church put a face on the Good Samaritan. The name they gave him was Jesus Christ. They recognized in him the face of their crucified and risen Lord, the Lord who is risen with his own wounds, the marks of the crucifixion. For these saints, it was Jesus himself who was the first and preeminent Good Samaritan. The man who was robbed, beaten and left half-dead by the roadside represented the human family.

We belong to a wounded humanity, scarred by sin and division, by the pain we inflict on one another. The Samaritan, the one who stops and draws near, is Christ, the Son of God who became incarnate. He drew near to us in order to become our neighbour. Christ, this Good Samaritan, bears our sins and even grieves for us. He comes to the wounded man and brings him to the inn for healing. For many of these ancient preachers, the inn represented the Church. They understood the Church as a place of healing meant to open its doors to all and to offer its care to those who have been wounded and left by the roadside in life.

As we listen to the familiar Gospel this Sunday, we may be helped by recalling this ancient interpretation of the parable. It is a tradition that speaks to us first and foremost about who Christ has been and is for us. It also reminds us who Christ calls us to be for others.

Christ is the one who stops for each one of us as we lie by the roadside in our own need. He is the one who has drawn near to us by becoming flesh, so as to become our neighbour. And he remains our neighbour at our side. It is the faithful and compassionate Jesus, the one ever close to us, who is moved with compassion at the sight of each of us. He approaches us, tends our wounds, and lifts us up. Christ does this for us in moments of anxiety and confusion, when we need the peace which he offers us. He approaches us with compassion in those times when we need forgiveness. He is the Good Samaritan when we are facing illness, dealing with the loss of a loved one, and in countless other circumstances.

The healing that Christ offers us is not magical. It is not like “divine plastic surgery” that makes the wounds we bear simply disappear. Many of the wounds and the burdens that we bear are things with which we struggle for many years in our lives. Often the scars from those wounds remain within us. The healing that Christ most often offers us is the hope and the energy that enables us to go forward in life. His faithful presence enables us to move into the future with renewed trust. Because of the presence and compassion of Christ, we do not have to remain imprisoned in the past, fixated on the negative. We can journey on with inner freedom.

Because Christ has stopped for us, and continues to do so, you and I can stop for others. The world in which we live is in need of Christ the Good Samaritan. And the hands of Christ the Good Samaritan are your hands and my hands. The compassionate gaze of Christ is offered to people of today through our eyes. Christ takes our hands and uses them to tend to the wounds of those who lie by the roadside in our world. Christ the Good Samaritan acts through you and me, as we learn what it means to be neighbour to those around us.

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



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

Recently Deceased: Casimero CASTOR, Angeline WALKER, Carmen MICALLEF, Martin SARTOR, Milan DRENOVAC, Kristie Maree SCIBILIA, Inez BUGEJA

Death Anniversary: Tony TRIMARCHI, Helen ZERAFA, Grace KENNEY

Other: Marion FENECH, Jimmy and Maryann FENECH

Saints of the Week



St Bonaventure, known as "the seraphic doctor," was born at Bagnoregio, in the Lazio region of central Italy, in 1221. He received the name of Bonaventure in consequence of an exclamation of St. Francis of Assisi, when, in response to the pleading of the child's mother, the saint prayed for

John's recovery from a dangerous illness, and, foreseeing the future greatness of the little John, cried out "O Buona ventura - O good fortune!

At the age of twenty-two St. Bonaventure entered the Franciscan Order. Having made his vows, he was sent to Paris to complete his studies under the celebrated doctor Alexander of Hales, an Englishman and a Franciscan. After the latter's death he continued his course under his successor, John of Rochelle. In Paris he became the intimate friend of the great St. Thomas Aquinas. He received the degree of Doctor, together with St. Thomas Aquinas, ceding to his friend against the latter's inclination, the honor of having it first conferred upon him. Like St. Thomas Aquinas, he enjoyed the friendship of the holy King, St. Louis.

At the age of thirty-five he was chosen General of his Order and restored a perfect calm where peace had been disturbed by internal dissensions. He did much for his Order and composed The Life of St. Francis. He also assisted at the translation of the relics of St. Anthony off Padua. He was nominated Archbishop of York by Pope Clement IV, but he begged not to be forced to accept that dignity. Gregory X obliged him to take upon himself a greater one, that of Cardinal and Bishop of Albano, one of the six suffragan Sees of Rome. Before his death he abdicated his office of General of the Franciscan Order. He died while he was assisting at the Second Council of Lyons, on July 15, 1274.

Feast Day: July 15



CHRIST OUR LIGHT YOUTH MINISTRY
(for Young Adults)
Presents
GAME ON YOUTH NIGHT
Food, Games and Faith.
Name a better trio, we'll wait.

Admission is completely free! Just bring yourself, a friend and a fiery spirit as we go head-to-head in some classic board games and have a snag or two, to celebrate the catholic youth community.

When: Friday, August 2nd
Where: 45 Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights
Time: 7:30pm - 10:30pm

For more information, contact us:
christourlightyouth@gmail.com Ph: 0490 518 369
Face Book: Christ our Light Youth

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Ignite Conference Sydney: October 3-6

The Ignite Conference is one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth and family conferences. For the first time ever this October 3-6, Ignite Conference will be held in Sydney (Freeman College). The conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from around the country, sending them out with a passion for mission and authentic faith in Jesus. Students from all Sydney Catholic Schools are offered a 50% discount and special packages for families are available as well.

For more information, visit www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/ignite19/ or contact the team at Sydney Catholic Youth on (02) 9307 8152 or info@sydneycatholicyouth.org

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.

The course for the RCIA candidates for next year's Easter Vigil commences in October 2019.

For inquiries contact either the parish office, Fr Dominic or Fr Richard



Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Sacred Scripture celebrated the beauty of Carmel where the prophet Elijah defended the purity of Israel's faith in the living God. In the twelfth century, hermits withdrew to that mountain and later founded the Carmelite order devoted to the contemplative life under the patronage of Mary, the holy Mother of God.

Devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel is worldwide, and most Catholics are familiar with the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, also known as the Brown Scapular. Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock on July 16, 1251, and gave him the scapular with the following words, which are preserved in a fourteenth century narrative: "This will be for you and for all Carmelites the privilege, that he who dies in this will not suffer eternal fire." The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was instituted for the Carmelites in 1332, and extended to the whole Church by Benedict XIII in 1726.

Feast Day: July 16

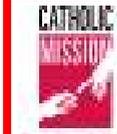


St Apollinaris

St. Apollinaris was one of the most illustrious bishops of the second century. He addressed an "Apology," that is a defense, of the Christian religion to the emperor Marcus Aurelius, who, shortly before, had obtained a signal victory over the Quadi, a people inhabiting the country now called Moravia. One of his legions, the twelfth, was composed chiefly of Christians. When the army was perishing for want of water, the soldiers of this legion fell upon their knees and invoked the assistance of God. The result was sudden, for a copious rain fell, and, aided by the storm, they conquered the Germans. The emperor gave this legion the name "Thundering Legion" and mitigated his persecution.

It was to protect his flock against persecution that St. Apollinaris, who was bishop of Hierapolis in Phrygia, addressed his apology to the Emperor to implore his protection and to remind him of the favour he had received from God through the prayers of the Christians.

Feast Day: July 20



Next weekend our Parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Ghana, as they provide ongoing protection and development of children who are vulnerable.



PARISH SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Baptisms - If you wish to Baptise your child here in the Parish you will need to attend **10:00am Mass on Sunday 4th August**. Following Mass Fr Dominic, Fr Richard and Deacon Mervyn will meet with you in the Parish Hall.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES AND TAX RECEIPTS

The new envelopes for next Financial Year are now available outside the Church foyer. **Please ensure you pick up your correct envelope by checking both your name and address.** Tax receipts for this financial year are available for collection outside the Church foyer.

I urge you to consider your support to our parish by joining Planned Giving either through weekly envelope giving or monthly credit card deductions, or consider increasing your current donations. One-off donations are also well received.

I offer my sincere thanks to everyone for your generosity in giving faithfully to the planned giving and other collections in the parish. Your generosity is inspiring and it allows us to plan and budget for the future of the parish. A special thanks to the Finance Committee members for your expertise and commitment. Once again I thank you for your generosity.

Yours in Christ,
Fr Dominic

**Upcoming Parish Activities
Save the date!**

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

- Friday 2nd August** - Game on Youth Night
 - 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.**



JORDAN YOUTH GROUP

Primary School students in Years 5, 6 & 7 are welcome to come together to engage, learn, pray and be involved in spiritual life and explore our Catholic faith. Join us in group discussions, games, activities and reflection.

Our next session is on Saturday, 27th July. 3.30-5.15pm.

Please contact the Parish office for further information. info@johnthebaptist.org.au

| Ministries Next Week 20/21 JULY | Sat 5.30 pm | Sun 8.00 am | Sun 10 am | Sun 5:30 pm |
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| READERS: | G Turnbull M Camilleri | S Hely J Finucane | C Porreca E Villegas | M Zangari |
| EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER | A Pace J Victorino A Jameson C Araco L Topic T Micali | M Esposito Delicia Vella A Liberatore F Foti B O'Connor | T Nguyen M Aulsebrook R Hibbs J Habib A Bautista N Laureti | G Vanderwert D Pham R Imbert M Abdal |
| CHURCH COUNTER | G Adam | E Villegas | | |
| CLEANERS: CHURCH | | | | |
| ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER | 21/07/2019 J Sultana | 28/07/2019 S Shabo | 04/08/2019 D Triganza | 11/08/2019 M De Luca |
| 10AM MORNING TEAS | 21/07/2019 Group 3 | 28/07/2019 Group 4 | 04/08/2019 Group 1 | 11/08/2019 Group 2 |



JB COMMUNITY FAIR - 27TH OCTOBER
"Give and it will be given unto you"
Luke 6:38

"Your Parish! Your Fair!" - offers food, fun rides, music market stalls and entertainment bringing the Parish Community and their families together.

This Fair is designed for our community and celebrates the delights of our Parish. We anticipate a huge turnout from our parish and school communities.

WANTED: We are looking talents/entertainment. Would you like to donate a prize or be a sponsor? Interested in marketing your service or products at our Fair? Please contact Caterina 0416 044 149.

WANTED: International Food Stallholders - Our Parish has a boundless array of multiculturalism. If you wish to support by volunteering in anyway possible please contact Susan 0419 606 683.

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: *As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.*

Communion Antiphon: *The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.*

Next Sunday:

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ What I find challenging about Jesus' reply "who is my neighbour?" is.....
- ♦ To "inherit eternal life," I must love..... by.....
- ♦ I know God loves me personally, extravagantly, and continually because.....

First reading

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.

In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:

Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.

I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah
and men shall dwell there in possession.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there.

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Second reading

Colossians 1:15-20

A reading from letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created

all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –

all things were created through him and for him.
Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

cf John 6:63c, 68c

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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