



# St. John the Baptist Catholic

## Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights



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### MASSES THIS WEEK

#### PSALTER 3

**Monday - 8:00am**

*Our Lady of the Rosary*

**Tuesday - 8:00am**

**Wednesday - 7:00pm**

*St Denis, bishop, martyr, and companions, martyrs*

*St John Leonardi, priest*

**Thursday - 9:10am**

**Friday - 9:10am**

*St John XXIII, pope*

**Saturday - 9:10am**

#### NEXT SUNDAY

### SUNDAY 12/13 OCTOBER

*(28th 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  
or Fr Richard 0451 910 634

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 5th & 6th October, 2019

### Have faith in God

I asked for strength and God gave me difficulties to make me strong.  
I asked for wisdom and God gave me problems to solve.  
I asked for courage and God gave me dangers to overcome.  
I asked for patience and God placed me where I had to wait.  
I asked for love and God gave me people to help.  
I asked for favours and God gave me opportunities.  
I received nothing I wanted. I received everything I needed.  
My prayers have all been answered.

This prayer is said only to illustrate a point about faith, the theme of today's Gospel reading. The disciples ask Jesus. "Lord, increase our faith." Faith is not so much to be given something new, it is rather to be able to see what already is and see everything in a new way. In 1948, Mother Theresa of Calcutta started her mission with 45 Rupees: to care for the poorest of the poor. Many people laughed at her naïve and simplistic ways, but her faith and love enabled her to achieve the seemingly impossible mission. With a strong faith Mother Theresa saw the beauty in serving the poor while many other people did not. Every day she was encountering Christ in thousands of ways. Mother Theresa knows from her own personal experience what Jesus means when he says, "Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea' and it will obey you." She has witnessed the power of faith through her daily prayer and work. The extraordinary thing about faith is its ordinariness. There are people who try to use their faith to make God into their servant by asking and demanding God to do what they want.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells about the servant who comes home from ploughing the fields. 'Which of you would say to him, "Come and have your meal immediately?" Would you not be more likely to say, "get my supper....you can eat and drink afterwards?" Must we be grateful for the servant for doing what he is told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "we are merely servants, we have done no more than our duty."

Let us pray that our faith will enable us to see God who accompanies, supports and challenges us in many simple ways.

#### Catechism of the Catholic Church

548 The signs worked by Jesus attest that the Father has sent him. They invite belief in him. To those who turn to him in faith, he grants what they ask. So miracles strengthen faith in the One who does his Father's works; they bear witness that he is the Son of God. But his miracles can also be occasions for 'offence'; they are not intended to satisfy people's curiosity or desire for magic.

#### Trivia Questions

1. In what year was the Temple in Jerusalem destroyed?
2. Where did the early Christians celebrate Baptism and the Eucharist? Why did they do it?

Fr Dominic

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



**Sick:** Edelito VALERO, Paul VELLA, Anna PEZZUTO, Pamela LEVERS, Lorna WRIGHTMAN, Horace O'DWYER, Frank AZZOPARDI, 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, Giuseppe PIGNATARO, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Nancy VARTULLI, Jessie ZAMMIT

**Recently Deceased:** Gail MACMILLIAN

**Death Anniversary:** Caterina PENNA, Andy FLOOD, Antonio and Linda DELLE-VEDOVE, Giuseppe PETRULLA, David FENECH, Luis BRIONEN, Sam PERINICH

**Other:** Rosaria & Pasquale PETRULLA, Giovanni & Carmela BONARIGGIO, Carmelo PETRULLA, Nicola & Antonia VITERALE, Pasquale & Rosa LETTIERI, Giovanni GOTTARDO, Benito MAZZEO, Raphale CAFFASSO, LETTIERI & VITERALE FAMIGLIA and all the Souls in Purgatory, Marion FENECH, Jimmy FENECH and Maryann FENECH, Special Intention

# Saints of the Week



**Our Lady of the Rosary**, also known as Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, is a title of the Blessed Virgin Mary in relation to the Rosary. The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, formerly known as Our Lady of Victory and Feast of the Holy Rosary, is a feast day of the Roman Catholic Church, celebrated on 7 October. **Feast Day: October 7**



**St Denis** (or Dionysius as he is also called) was born and raised in Italy, he was sent as a missionary to Gaul (now France) circa 250 A.D. by Pope St Clement along with five other bishops. Denis made his base missionary activity an island in the Seine near the city of Lutetia Parisiorum -- what would become Paris. For this reason he is known as the first bishop of Paris and the Apostle of France. There he was captured by the Parisians along with Rusticus and Eleutherius. After a long imprisonment and several aborted executions, the three martyrs were beheaded with a sword and their bodies were thrown into the river. Denis' body was retrieved from the Seine by his converts and buried. The chapel that was built over his tomb grew into the abbey of Saint Denis. Denis is pictured as he was martyred—headless (with a vine growing over the neck) and carrying his own mitred head. **Feast Day: October 9**  
**Patron:** of France; Parish; against frenzy, strife, headaches, hydrophobia, possessed people, rabies



**St John Leonardi** was born at Diecimo, Italy. He became a pharmacist's assistant at Lucca, studied for the priesthood, and was ordained in 1572. He gathered a group of laymen about him to work in hospitals and prisons, became interested in the reforms proposed by the Council of Trent, and proposed a new congregation of secular priests. Great opposition to his proposal developed, but in 1583, his association (formally designated Clerks Regular of the Mother of God in 1621) was recognised by the bishop of Lucca with the approval of Pope Gregory XIII. John was aided by St. Philip Neri and St. Joseph Calasanctius, and in 1595, the congregation was confirmed by Pope Clement VIII, who appointed John to reform the monks of Vallombrosa and Monte Vergine. He died in Rome on October 9th of plague contracted while he was ministering to the stricken. He was venerated for his miracles and religious fervour and is considered one of the founders of the College for the Propagation of the Faith. He was canonized in 1938 by Pope Pius XI. **Feast day: October 9** **Patron** of pharmacists



**St John XXIII** was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli on 25th November, 1881 in Sotto il Monte, Italy and died from cancer on 3rd June, 1963. He was the 260th successor of St Peter. He was one of the most popular and influential popes of all times reigning from 1958-1963 and inaugurated a new era in the history of the Roman Catholic Church by his openness to change, shown especially in convening the Second Vatican Council and changing the Church forever. He wrote several socially important encyclicals, most notably *Pacem in Terris*. He was beatified on 3rd September, 2000 and canonized on 27th April, 2014. **Feast Day: October 11.**  
**Patron:** Papal delegates, Patriarchy of Venice, Second Vatican Council



## DEVOTIONS TO HONOUR OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Mass And Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on **Sunday 13th October, 2019** (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30pm followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00pm. The principal celebrant will be Bishop Richard Umbers. Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.



**GUEST BOOK:** There is a Guest Book available in the Church. We invite any visitors and new parishioners to sign and write a message in the book. Thank you



## We are getting a new saint...

Blessed John Henry Newman will be canonised at a ceremony in St Peter's Square, Rome on Sunday, 13 October. John Henry Newman (21 February 1801 – 11 August 1890) was a Roman Catholic theologian, philosopher and cardinal who converted to Roman Catholicism from Anglicanism in October 1845. The Angelicum University is holding a one-day conference on Saturday, 12 October, titled 'Newman the Prophet: A Saint for Our Times'. Speakers include George Weigel, Archbishop Bernard Longley of Birmingham, Archbishop Anthony Fisher of Sydney.

## STANDING AUTHORITY FOR RECURRENT PERIODIC PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ (Mr & Mrs, Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms) Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Given Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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Cardholder's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



### 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 6th October**. Following Mass Fr Dominic, Fr Richard and Deacon Mervyn will meet with you in the Parish Hall.

**CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES:** If you were unable to attend the Presentation of Certificates Mass you may now pick up your Certificate from the Parish Office, 45 Mount Street during office hours.



**CATECHIST GATHERING INVITATION - Monday 14th October**  
10:00am - 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall, Fairfield  
Morning tea and light lunch provided  
Please RSVP by Thursday 10th October for catering to Laura and Verna at [office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au) or 9307 8330  
See Church noticeboard for more details

### REMEMBERING OUR BABIES - OCTOBER 15TH

October 15th is the annual Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day. A Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated at 7:00pm in All Saints Catholic Church, Liverpool to remember those infants who have died and those who have felt their loss. As part of the liturgy a candle will be lit for each baby. Please let us know if you will be attending so we can ensure there is a candle for your child. Ph: 9602 8466 by October 1st.



### FOUND IN CHURCH AFTER PARISH

**CONFIRMATIONS:** Did you or a family member or friend lose a pram cover? Please ring the parish office on 9823 2572.



**CAN YOU HELP?** Two of our elderly parishioners are no longer able to walk to Mass and would like to know if a fellow parishioner would be able to give them a lift to the 10:00am Mass on Sunday mornings. They live in Green Valley. If you are able to assist can you please contact the Parish office on 9823 2572. Thank you



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

If you would like a copy of the "Break Open the Word" for 2020 please call the Parish Office by Friday 11th October so that we can place an order. Thank you

### ATTENTION EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE

**EUCARHIST:** The new Roster is now available for collection after all Masses this weekend.

Ministries Next Week 12/13 OCT	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
<b>READERS:</b>	M Camilleri L Krslovic	R Golubic L Barilla	E Villegas A Bautista	R Capolupo
<b>EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER</b>	A Pace J Victorino A Jameson C Araco L Topic T Micali	D Triganza R Morellini L Barilla M Jebraill M Esposito	C Porreca T Nguyen M Aulsebrook R Hibbs J Habib A Bautista	G Vanderwert D Pham R Imbert M Abdal
<b>CHURCH COUNTER</b>	J Oliveri	V Baltazar		
<b>CLEANERS: CHURCH</b>				
<b>ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER</b>	13/10/2019 D Triganza	20/10/2019 S Leonello	27/10/2019 R Marciano	03/11/2019 Z Penitani
<b>10AM MORNING TEAS</b>	13/10/2019 Group 2	20/10/2019 Group 3	27/10/2019 Group 4	03/11/2019 Group 1

## Upcoming Parish Activities ..... Save the date!



### RECONCILIATION 2019 IMPORTANT DATES

Thank you to all the Group Leaders and Hosts who have kindly volunteered to guide the children of our parish as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year.

**The Commitment Ceremony** will be held during each Mass on the weekend of **12 and 13 October**, all reconciliation candidates enrolled **must attend** a Mass during that weekend prior to lessons commencing.

**Children's Celebration Mass** for reconciliation candidates will be held on **Saturday 9 November, 5:30pm Mass.**

Please call Tamara Vella 0424 166 248 or Kylie Farias 0473 779 338 if you have any questions.



### CHRIST OUR LIGHT YOUNG ADULTS Thanksgiving Mass: Our Guidance and Food for the Journey

**Friday 11th October, 2019 John the Baptist Parish**  
Refreshments will follow.

*Open to all ages, anyone under age needs to be accompanied by an adult.*



### ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH JB COMMUNITY FAIR 27TH OCTOBER

**Don't miss this year's FAIR—it promises to be bigger and better than ever!**

Don't miss the Dodgem cars, Zoomer, Simulator, giant slides, face painting, live entertainment, cakes, as well as lots of things to keep the big kids happy. Other stalls include: Coffee & Cannoli, Pizza, Treasure Trove, Crepes, Gelato, Fairy Floss, showbags and Cultural food from Assyria, India, Italy, Philippines, Tonga, Vietnam, Croatia and Holland. All are welcome!

Wrist bands for the rides will be available after the school holidays. Prepaid wrist bands \$25 for all rides, \$30 on the day and \$5 per single ride.



**SILENT AUCTION** - We have a beautiful antique piano donated for our silent auction. The auction will commence at 11:00am on 27th October.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED -

**parking attendants, crowd control, sellers, floaters, setting up and cleaning up, etc.** Please sign up on the list provided on the whiteboard outside the Church.

Enquiries: Susan 0419 606 683 or Caterina 0416 044 149.

**ACSENSION PRAYER MEETING** will resume on Thursday 17th October, 2019

### UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th October** - Reconciliation Commitment Mass

**Sunday 27th October** - JB Community Fair

**Saturday 9th November** - Reconciliation Children's Celebration Mass

**Thursday 14th November** - First Reconciliation

**Friday 22nd November** - Volunteers Thanksgiving Mass and Dinner

**Further information will be provided closer to the dates.**

## RAISE YOUR VOICES!

**Entrance Antiphon:** *Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.*

**Communion Antiphon:** *The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.*

### Next Sunday:

#### 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

### Reflection Questions.....

- I have wished my faith to be increased when..... My faith is increased when.....
- Decisive obedience is asked of me in these situations..... I respond by.....
- The measure of my faithfulness is.....

#### First reading

**Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4**

#### A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

How long, O Lord, am I to cry for help  
while you will not listen;

to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear  
and you will not save?

Why do you set injustice before me,  
why do you look on where there is tyranny?

Outrage and violence, this is all I see,  
all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down,  
inscribe it on tablets

to be easily read,

since this vision is for its own time only:

eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;

if it comes slowly, wait,

for come it will, without fail.

See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,  
but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

#### The Word of the Lord

#### Responsorial Psalm

**94:1-2, 6-9**

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;

hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,

with songs let us hail the Lord.

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

Come in; let us bow and bend low;

let us kneel before the God who made us:

for he is our God and we

the people who belong to his pasture,

the flock that is led by his hand.

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,

as on that day at Massah in the desert

when your fathers put me to the test;

when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

#### Second reading

**2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14**

#### A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

#### The Word of the Lord

#### Gospel Acclamation

**1 Peter 1:25**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;

it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel

**Luke 17:5-10**

#### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."

#### The Gospel of the Lord

### Trivia Answers

1. In AD 70.
2. They met regularly in private houses and were baptised and celebrate the Eucharist together there because meeting in public was often too dangerous.

