



St. 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 - 8:00am
Tuesday - 8:00am
Wednesday - 7:00pm
Thursday - 9:10am
Friday - 9:10am
Saturday - 9:10am

NEXT SUNDAY

14/15 MARCH

*(Third Sunday of Lent
Year A)*

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

Second Sunday of Lent (Year A)

7th & 8th March, 2020

God's glorious presence

On a mountain climbing expedition, an Australian guide warned the tourists, "Be especially careful not to fall, this is a dangerous place. But if you do fall," he added nonchalantly, "remember to look to the right, the view is absolutely beautiful."

St Matthew tells us in today's Gospel that 'Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain. He was transfigured before them.' They were overcome with joy. This was to be a beautiful memory that would sustain them in the more difficult times ahead. Peter wanted to build 'three dwellings' to freeze the moment of presence. The poet William Blake said, "He who binds himself to a joy, does the winged life destroy, but he who kisses the joy as it flies, lives in eternity's sunrise."

On the mountain Jesus gave the three disciples a glimpse of his inner glory. He was the new Moses - the new law-giver. He was the new Isaiah the one who spoke the word of God. He was the word made flesh, the God who had come among us, in whom the Father was well pleased. On this event the true nature of Jesus is shown in order to strengthen and sustain his disciples' faith in him.

Lent invites us to experience God's glorious presence through prayers and conversion. Maybe we do not always fully recognise our mountaintop experiences, we write them off as insignificant and trivial compared with all the important and urgent things we have to do. Still, Jesus wants us to see his glory, so that we can cling to that experience in moments of doubt, despair or anguish.

Let us pray that we will be attentive to Jesus' presence within us and around us and may this experience transform our moments of suffering, fear, sickness and even death into moments of hope, joy and Christ's resurrection.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

556... the Transfiguration 'is the sacrament of the second regeneration': our own resurrection. From now on we share in the Lord's resurrection through the Spirit who acts in the sacraments of the Body of Christ. The transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he 'will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body.' But it also recalls that 'it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God'.

Something to give up for lent:

Give up harsh words: use gentle ones.

Give up pessimism: take up hope.

Give up bitterness: fill your heart with joy.

Give up anger: take up peace.

Give up complaining: value what you already have.

Give up selfishness: take up compassion.

Give up being unforgiving: learn reconciliation.

Give up stress: take up prayer.

Give up condemning others: discover Jesus within them.

Give up worrying: take up trust in God.



Fr Dominic



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 5th April**. Following Mass Fr Dominic and Fr Richard will meet with you in the Parish Hall.



FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18th year, until the beginning of their 60th year; the law of abstinence (from items made with meat - includes all the Fridays of Lent) binds those who have completed their 14th year (CCL 97, 1251-52).

RECEIVING THE BLESSED BLOOD - Due to the Novel Coronavirus from now until further notice the Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will not hand out the Chalice. For those who really desire to receive the Blessed Blood please come to the altar for the priests to distribute. It is also recommended to receive communion in the hand rather than on the tongue. (Please wash your hands before coming to Mass. Hand sanitiser is also available in the Church).

JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2021

Enrolment packs for 2021 are available from the school office during office hours. Applications are welcome from those families living within the parish and will need to be fully completed and returned the end of May. If you have any enquiries please call the school office on 9823 5042.

BBI-TAITE Women as Church Conference 2020 "She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future" Proverb 31:25

29 April—1 May 2020 at St Joseph's Spirituality Centre, Baulkham Hills

How do we open new spaces, construct a new framework, and live a renewed calling, for a 'discipleship of equals' in which all are engaged in ministry in various forms and equally valued?

Keynote Speaker: Tina Beattie, Professor of Catholic Studies, University of Roehampton, London and Director of Digby Stuart Research Centre for Catholic Studies.

For more information regarding call for papers and bookings: <https://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/courses-conferences/women-as-church-conference/> or contact: Marketing & Events Manager Belinda Srour (02) 9847 0030 or bsrou@bbi.catholic.edu.au

ministries Next Week 14/15 MAR	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	E Vella J Oliveri	R Golubic M Jebraill	C Goodyer A Bautista	A Vanderwert J Nguyen
EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER	F Bushby A Pace J Victorino A Severi	L Barilla R Morellini M Jebraill	A Bautista N Laureti G Dunn N Dubuisson	S Cook M Mai
CHURCH COUNTERS	G Adam	E Villegas		
ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER	15/03/2020 J Sultana	22/03/2020 D Triganza	29/03/2020 M De Luca	5/04/2020 S Leonello
SUPPER 5:30pm	14/03/2020 Group 2	21/03/2020 Group 3	28/03/2020 Group 2	4/04/2020 Group 1
MORNING TEA 10:00am	15/03/2020 Group 3	22/03/2020 Group 4	29/03/2020 Group 5	5/04/2020 Group 1

Upcoming Parish Activities Save the date!



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held during Lent at 7.00pm in the Church. On the First Friday of the month (3rd April) station will be held at 6:00pm.

Lenten Program has been cancelled due to lack of interest.



The Ascension Prayer Group Lenten Group will meet on Thursdays at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. For more details please contact Susan on 0415 342 672.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING will be held **next Tuesday 10th March at 7:00pm** in the Parish Hall.

RECONCILIATION AND COMMUNION INFORMATION 2020

If parents would like to enrol their child in our Reconciliation of Communion Sacrament program this year please attend the parent information meetings below:

Sacrament of First Holy Communion - Tuesday 17th March 2020 at 7pm in our Church.

(Children must be in year 4 or above and have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation).

First Holy Communion masses will be held 6-7 and 12-14 June 2020.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Tuesday 4th August 2020 at 7pm

(Children must be in year 3 and above).

If you have any questions regarding the Reconciliation or Communion program please call Tamara Vella on 0424 166 248 or Kylie Farias on 0473 779 338.

MENS BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast at John the Baptist Bonnyrigg will be held on **Sat 14th March at 8am.**

Charbel Raish from Parousia Media will be giving his testimony and faith journey titled "How Islam led me back to Christ," so please join us for a morning of male fellowship, a meal, Mass, talk and discussion.

Details: John the Baptist Catholic Church, 45 Mount Street Bonnyrigg

07:45am Registration
08:00am Adoration and/or Reconciliation
08:30am Mass
09:00am Breakfast
09:30am Presentation
10:00am Group discussion
10:30am Q & A
10:45am Prayer & Close

Please register at:

<https://tinyurl.com/JP-Mens-Breakfast>, or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/events/51620533902628>

If you are unable to commit, you can also register on the day - however, online bookings are preferred for catering. Details about Charbel and flyer for the event are also on the bottom of the Facebook page.

Please share these links with your friends and lets try to attract as many men as we can to this event.

For further information call David Moore on 0412 405 792

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Due to the Novel Coronavirus and the Precious Blood not being distributed until further notice we need fewer ministers each week at Mass. A new roster is now available for collection after all Masses.

Parish Contacts:

Parish Pastoral Council Chairman: Jeff Lai - 0409 288 812
Finance Committee: Tanya Scarvelis - 9823 2572
Community Care: Tina Dunn - 0439 492 920; Sharon Cook - 0410 494 700
Readers and Catechists: Nina Laureti - 9823 3277
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers: : Linda Barilla - 9607 4993
Confirmation: Linda Barilla - 9607 4993
Reconciliation and First Communion: Tamara Vella - 0424 166 248 and
Kylie Farias - 0473 779 338

Altar Servers: Fr Richard - 9823 2572
Children's Liturgy: Angela Galdas - 9606 8403
Church Linen: Michelle De Luca - 0400 374 277
Church Cleaners: Ann Gorla - 0425 284 860
Piety Stall: Millie Breaden - 9823 2572
Morning Teas: Teresa Vartuli - 0413 835 250
Jordan Youth Group: Silvana Scamardella - 9823 2572
Housie and Money Counting: Yvonne Smolinski - 9823 2572

Next Sunday:

Third Sunday of Lent (Year A)

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4: 5-42

Reflection Questions.....

- Where I have witnessed the glory of Jesus is.....
- What it means to me that I am destined to share in Jesus' glory is.....
- My Lenten practices are bringing about this change in me.....
These changes direct me toward glory in that.....

First reading

Genesis 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

32:4-5, 18-20, 22

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you..

Second reading

2 Timothy 1:8-10

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

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord

