



St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish

Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights

(incorporating Bonnyrigg Heights, Green Valley, Edensor Park, Abbotsbury, Cecil Hills & Elizabeth Hills)



Parish Priest: Rev Fr Dominic Dinh

Email: pp@johnthebaptist.org.au
Emergency: 0423 420 639

Assistant: Rev Fr Richard Ddumba

Email: curate@johnthebaptist.org.au
Emergency: 0451 910 634

Parish Pastoral Centre:

45 Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights, 2177

Office: 9823 2572

Email: info@johnthebaptist.org.au

Website: www.johnthebaptist.org.au

Office Hours: Tue- Fri 9.00am to 4pm

Parish Secretary: Leanne Lang

Bookkeeper: Yvonne Smolinski

MASSES THIS WEEK

PSALTER 3

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - No Mass

St Peter Chanel, priest,
martyr

Wednesday - No Mass

St Catherine of Siena, virgin,
doctor

Thursday - No Mass

Friday - No Mass

Saturday - No Mass

St Athanasius, bishop doctor

NEXT SUNDAY

2/3 MAY

(Fourth Sunday of Easter
Year A)

Saturday Vigil Mass:

5:30pm

Sunday Masses:

8:00am, 10:00am and

5:30pm

CANCELLED UNTIL

FURTHER NOTICE

4th Sunday of the Month:

5:30pm Mass in Tagalog

Cancelled until further
notice

1st Friday of the Month:

7:00pm Mass in

Vietnamese

Cancelled until further
notice

1st Saturday of the Month

Fatima Devotions 7.45am

Adoration/Benediction

8.30am

Cancelled until further
notice

Reconciliations:

Saturdays – 4:15–5:00pm

Sunday – 5:00–5:15pm

Cancelled until further
notice

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office
or Fr Dominic 0423 420 639

Third Sunday of Easter (Year A)

25th & 26th April, 2020

Easter - A time to listen

A woman invited some people to her home for dinner. At the table, she turned to her six years old son and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the little boy replied. "Just say what you hear Mummy normally say," the mother answered. The boy bowed his head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

Listening requires a great skill. It is not only repeating what we hear but understanding the message which one tries to communicate. On the other hand, we feel affirming when we are being heard. It gives us a sense of who we are. There is nothing more painful than not being heard, not being understood, especially when we are trying to express our deep feelings or hurts or needs. Just imagine that you say to a friend, "I'm going to the hospital to get the results of my tests. The doctor thinks I may have cancer." And your friend replies, "I'm going to the shop to buy some cigarettes."

In the Gospel today we read that the two disciples of Jesus were leaving Jerusalem, (away from where Jesus was crucified). They were dejected, distraught, discouraged and disillusioned with broken dreams. They were trying to make sense of the shocking events that took place in Jerusalem. Everything they hoped for has come to a terrible end. While being so depressed, they meet a stranger who begins to ask them questions and willing to listen to their grieving. During the course of the conversation, the stranger talks about the prophecies concerning a suffering Messiah. His words put fire in their hearts. They do not want him to leave, and they insist if he would stay with them. The stranger fulfills their desire in a remarkable way. He takes bread, blesses it and breaks it. Then they recognised him. Christ has indeed risen. The story of dejection and despair becomes a story of joy and hope. It was only when Jesus had listened to them that they could hear him speak.

The Emmaus story is a model for our lives during this challenging time. It is a model of listening in which we need to learn. It always hard to listen while we feel restless, fear, anxious or uncertainty. But we need to make time to listen well to know what is going on in us and around us without distraction, without judgement or condemnation, without worrying about what our response will be, without being defensive, without intrusion by our egos and our personal agendas, simply trusting that the Lord will give us the appropriate response when it is needed.

Let us pray that we will use this opportunity to be more present to ourselves, to others and to God, and like the two disciples who quickly returned to Jerusalem to proclaim the Good News to others.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

1346-1347 The Liturgy of the Word and the liturgy of the Eucharistic together form 'one single act of worship', the Eucharistic table set for us is the table both of the Word of God and the Body of the Lord.

Is this not the same movement as the Paschal meal of the risen Jesus with his disciples? Walking with them he explained the scriptures to them; sitting with them at the table 'he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.'

Fr Dominic

LIVESTREAMING OF HOLY MASS AND SERVICES

Click [here](#)

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm **Sunday:** 10am

Please go to our Parish YOUTUBE channel- "John the Baptist Parish, Bonnyrigg Heights" to watch our Live stream Masses. You may wish to SUBSCRIBE to this channel which will make it easier to access each week.

PARISH SACRAMENT INFORMATION

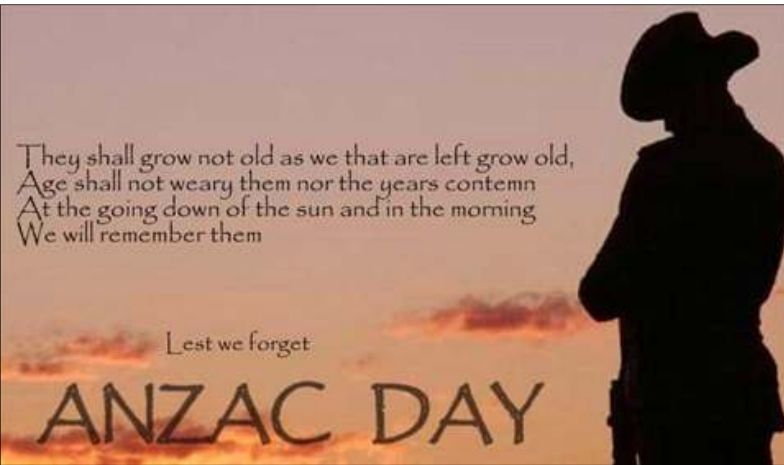
Baptisms are postponed until further notice.

First Holy Communion and Reconciliation is postponed until further notice

Children's Liturgy of the Word is postponed until further notice.

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.



PARISH HOUISIE at Liverpool Catholic Club on Saturday afternoons has been **POSTPONED** until further notice.

Tap Donation Device
There are two Tap Donation Devices at the Entrance of the church for people who want to use Credit Card or Phone App. Each time you tap, you donate \$10 to our parish. You can tap as many times as you wish but please give the machine 5 seconds to reset. Your donations are very much appreciated.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney
Child sexual 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.

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

Sick: Virgilio MARIANO, Kristian SERIC, Fr Emmanuel SEO, Gary LOMAS, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Giuseppina LETTIERI
Recently Deceased: Kathleen KENSEY, Fr Ray FARRELL
Death Anniversary:
Other: Michael GRIMA, Clifford FERNANDES, Gloria O'BRIEN, Marion FENECH, Jimmy FENECH and Maryann FENECH, All the Souls in Purgatory, Special Intention



Saints of the Week



St Peter Chanel was born in 1803 in France. After ordination to the priesthood, he desired to become a missionary. He was assigned to his hometown. Finally in 1836, he led a small group of missionaries to the New Hebrides in the South Pacific. After a few years of converting the natives, the jealous island king had Peter killed. However, within 5 months of his death, the entire island had been converted to Christianity.

Feast Day: April 28



St Catherine of Siena was born in 1347. In her childhood she consecrated her virginity to God and she had mystical experiences, seeing guardian angels of others. At 18 she became a Dominican. She devoted herself heroically to the care of the infected. She was one of the most brilliant theological minds of her day. She continued to have visions of Christ, Mary and the Saints. She was given the Stigmata which became visible after her death. St Catherine's letters are considered the most brilliant writings in the history of the Catholic Church. The life of the Saint who had been glorified by God with wonderful gifts and miracles was brought to a close on 29th April, 1380 at the age of 33. She was canonised in 1461 by Pope Pius II. In 1970 Pope Paul VI declared her a doctor of the Church.

Feast Day: April 29



St Athanasius also known as Athanasius the Great and Athanasius the Confessor, was a bishop and doctor of the church. He is called the "Father of Orthodoxy," the "Pillar of the Church" and "Champion of Christ's Divinity." Much of his life was a testimony to the divinity of Jesus Christ.

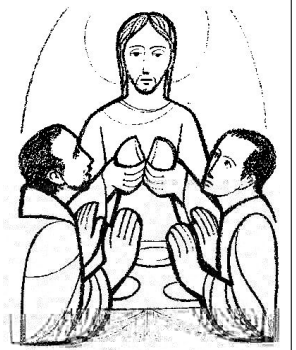
Feast Day: May 2

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke continued.....

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.



The Gospel of the Lord

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:
 Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A)**

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ I find myself "conversing and debating" about these mysteries.....
- ♦ Jesus opens me to his risen Presence in the Scriptures or in the breaking of the bread when I.....
- ♦ What enables me to journey deeper into the mystery of Jesus' risen Presence to me is.....

First reading**Acts 2:14, 22-23****A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
 for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
 So my heart was glad
 and my tongue cried out with joy;
 my body, too, will rest in the hope
 that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
 nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
 You have made known the way of life to me,
 you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The Word of the Lord**Responsorial Psalm****15:1-2, 5, 7-11****Lord, you will show us the path of life.**

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
 I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
 O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
 it is you yourself who are my prize.'

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
 who even at night directs my heart.
 I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
 since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
 even my body shall rest in safety.
 For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
 nor let your beloved know decay.

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

You will show me the path of life,

the fullness of joy in your presence,
 at your right hand happiness for ever.

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Second reading**1 Peter 1:17-21****A reading from the First letter of St Peter**

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The Word of the Lord**Gospel Acclamation****cf. Luke 24:32**

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
 make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
 Alleluia!

Gospel**Luke 24:13-35****A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke**

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Continued over page

Copyright © 1996-2015 Universalis Publishing Limited: see www.universalis.com. Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible are published and copyright © 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton, Longman & Todd, Ltd and Doubleday, a division of Random House, Inc. and used by permission of the publishers. Text of the Psalms: Copyright © 1963, The Grail (England). Used with permission of A.P. Watt Ltd. All rights reserved.