



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish

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**MASSES THIS WEEK****PSALTER 1**

**Monday - 8:00am**

*The Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of the Church*

**Tuesday - 8:00am**

*Sts Marcellinus and Peter,  
martyrs*

**Wednesday - 7:00pm**

*Charles Lwanga &  
Companions, martyrs*

**Thursday - 9:10am**

**Friday - 9:10am**

*St Boniface, bishop, martyr*

**Saturday - 9:10am**

*St Norbert, bishop  
St Marcellin Champagnat,  
religious*

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**6/7 JUNE**

*(The Most Holy Trinity  
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

**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**

**Pentecost Sunday (Year A)**

**30th & 31st May, 2020**

## Lord, send out your Spirit and Renew the Face of the Earth

In Ralph Ellison's, *Invisible Man*, the author explains that he is an invisible man. "I am invisible, understand simply because people refuse to see me..." The Holy Spirit (who we cannot see) is God's transforming power within and among us once we accept to receive the it.

"Receive the holy spirit. If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven." Jesus says that he gives us the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins. This is to be the mission of the church, which the apostles are to lead. They are to do the very work of Jesus on earth: save his people from their sins. Thus, they will continue his redeeming work. To forgive in Jesus' name they must be filled with the Holy Spirit.

John says of Jesus, "He breathed on them." This is a sign, a sacrament, to indicate that Jesus is conferring the Holy Spirit on his disciples. The Catholic rite of forgiving sins reflects this connection of the Spirit with absolving sins. "God the Father of Mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins."

We can apply the words of Jesus on Easter Sunday to our own daily personal life. He gives the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins. It is a special gift to his church, but also a special reminder to each member of the church. If we are to be true Christians, other Christs, our sign of personal friendship with Jesus is our forgiving spirit. For this difficult task Jesus gives us the power of the Holy Spirit. Conversely, if we have received the Holy Spirit, then his influence in our life with show when we forgive the sins of others against us.

**Link in the Catechism of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Epiclesis (1105)**

- The Epiclesis ("invocation upon") is the intercession in which the priest begs the Father to send the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier, so that the offerings may become the body and blood of Christ. This invocation is expressed physically by the stretching out of the celebrant's arms and hands over the gifts.
- There is also another epiclesis, a second invocation of the Holy Spirit, called "communion epiclesis". This invocation calls upon the Holy Spirit to form the mystical Body of Christ, which is the Church: "Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ"

**Fr Richard**

## LIVESTREAMING OF HOLY MASS AND SERVICES

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30pm

**Sunday:** 10:00am

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.

### CONFIRMATION:



Due to the COVID-19 restrictions Confirmation for this year has been postponed until further notice.

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**PARISH HOUSIE** 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](mailto: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:*

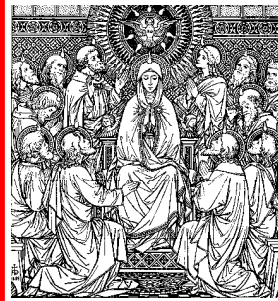


**Sick:** Vikki MOXHAM, Rita SHAH, Virgilio MARIANO, Kristian SERIC, Fr Emmanuel SEO, Gary LOMAS, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Giuseppina LETTIERI

**Recently Deceased:** Erica LO MONACO, Mary FLYNN, Giuseppe PIGNATARO,

**Death Anniversary:** Filip VUKASOVIC, Joseph CASSAR, Quintino DILAZZARO

**Other:** Michael GRIMA, Clifford FERNANDES, Gloria O'BRIEN, Marion FENECH, Jimmy FENECH and Maryann FENECH, All the Souls in Purgatory



The Christian holy day of **Pentecost**, which is celebrated fifty days after Easter **Sunday**, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–31).

## Saints of the Week



**The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**  
In Roman Catholic Mariology, Mother of the Church (in Latin *Mater Ecclesiae*) is a title, officially given to Mary during the Second Vatican Council by Pope Paul VI. The title was first used in the 4th Century by St Ambrose of Milan, as rediscovered by Hugo Rahner.

The title "Mother of the Church" was used by Pope Benedict XIV in 1748 and then by Pope Leo XIII in 1885. The title was also used by Pope John Paul II and is also found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Pope John Paul II stated that overall the title indicates the Blessed Virgin Mary's maternity of Christ's faithful, as deriving from her maternity of Christ in that "Mary is present in the Church as the Mother of Christ, and at the same time as that Mother whom Christ, in the mystery of the Redemption, gave to humanity in the person of the Apostle John [cf. John 19:27]. Thus, in her new motherhood in the Spirit, Mary embraces each and every one in the Church, and embraces each and every one through the Church.

Pope Francis has decreed that Latin-rite Catholics around the world will mark the feast of "the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church" on the Monday after Pentecost each year.

**Feast Day:** Monday after Pentecost this year June 1



### 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

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**Next Sunday:****The Most Holy Trinity ( Year A)**

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18

**Reflection Questions.....**

- ♦ When I am fearful about continuing Jesus' mission, I..... When I feel the peace of the Holy Spirit, I.....
- ♦ I feel the peace of the Holy Spirit urging me to forgive when.....
- ♦ I experience the power of the Holy Spirit transforming me to.....

**First reading****A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

**The Word of the Lord****Responsorial Psalm****103:1, 24, 29-31, 34**

**Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul!  
 Lord God, how great you are,  
 How many are your works, O Lord!  
 The earth is full of your riches.

*Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.*

You take back your spirit, they die,  
 returning to the dust from which they came.  
 You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
 and you renew the face of the earth.

*Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.*

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
 May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
 May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
 I find my joy in the Lord.

*Lord, send out your Spirit and renew that face of the earth.*

**Acts 2:1-11****Second reading****A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

**The Word of the Lord****Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
 and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

**Gospel****John 20:19-23****A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John**

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
 so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
 For those whose sins you forgive,  
 they are forgiven;  
 for those whose sins you retain,  
 they are retained.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

