



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 4

Monday - 8:00am

Sts Peter and Paul, apostles

Tuesday - 8:00am

First Martyrs of the Catholic Church

Wednesday - 7:00pm

Thursday - 9:00am

12:00pm

Friday - 9:00am

12:00pm

St Thomas, apostle

Saturday - 9:00am

St Elizabeth of Portugal

NEXT SUNDAY

4/5 JULY

(14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 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

Fatima First Saturday

Communion of

Reparation 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

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

27th & 28th June, 2020

FAITH DEMANDS GREAT RISKS BUT GIVES GREAT REWARDS

A businessman ordered flowers to be sent to the opening of his friend's new branch office. When the businessman got there, he was shocked to see the flowers with the inscription. "Rest in Peace." He was so outraged that he stopped at the florist to complain. "It could be worse," the florist said, "Just think: Today someone was buried beneath a floral arrangement with the inscription. 'Congratulations on Your New Location!'" *What obstacles get in the way of your Christian commitment? How can you overcome such obstacles?*

The smallest act of kindness shown to a disciple on the ground of his connection with Christ will not fail to have its reward. Jesus assures us that anyone who gives one of his disciples even *a cup of cold water* would be rewarded. The "cup of cold water" is a symbol of the small kind deed. Deeds don't have to be big in order to be of help and comfort to the person for whom they are done. Small deeds are very important. They may not look much, but they create a friendly atmosphere.

The story in the Second Book of the Kings demonstrates how small acts of kindness can be rewarded. The Shunamite woman offers hospitality to prophet Elisha in form of food and lodging. This is later rewarded with a precious gift - of a son. In other words, it is not how much we do that matters, but how much love we put into what we do. The spirit in which a deed is done, the person to whom it is done, and the circumstances in which it is done, can magnify the effect of a small deed. A small deed can bring great comfort to a person provided it has a certain quality. That quality is warmth. All deeds that come from the heart have that quality.

Few of us are given the chance to perform great deeds. But the chance to give "a cup of water" can come our way several times in the course of a day. Small gestures can tell us more about a person's character than big gestures. Big gestures show us a person's power. Small gestures show us a person's humanity. Giving is at the heart of the Gospel. It is of the very essence of Christianity. It is through giving that the heart remains open and one becomes a loving person.

Link in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: CHARITY

1827 - The practice of all the virtues is animated and inspired by charity.

- It "binds everything together in perfect harmony"
- It is the form of the virtues
- It articulates and orders them among themselves
- It is the source and the goal of their Christian practice
- Charity upholds and purifies our human ability to love
- And raises it to the supernatural perfection of divine love.

Fr Richard

Parish Collections

I would like to express my appreciation to parishioners who have been so generously supporting the parish especially finance and upkeeping the church during the last two months of restrictions. On a weekly basis the Parish has two regular Collections. I have noticed that some of the parishioners are not sure what the collections mean.

The First Collection

Your contribution for the First Collection on Sundays and your gifts at baptism and marriages together pays priests stipend and their living. If there is any surplus, it is given to the commo pooling of the archdiocese to pay priests in smaller parishes and priests on sick leave.

The Second Collection

The second collection taken during Sunday Masses is for the support of the Parish. Though a lot of the pastoral work of the parish is done by volunteers, there are a number of wages and bills to pay in relation to the running of the Parish responsibility. Our Church and premises always need maintenance work for the upkeep. Yearly building insurance for all buildings including church, presbytery, parish office and car park ground. The secretary's wages are paid from this collection. Second Collection is to support these undertakings. To enable tax deductibility (30%) for the contributors and to make financial planning easy, we have the Planned Giving (envelope) Program. At the end of each financial year all contributors are provided with a receipt. You can either donate through weekly envelopes or authorise the parish office to make periodic deductions from **your credit card which is the best method to be used at this stage**. If you would like to change your method of supporting the parish, please download a credit card authority form which can also be collected from the church or office and return them to the Parish Office. If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program, you may fill in the slip in this Parish Bulletin or visit the Parish Website.

There will be no collection during Mass at this stage, instead there will be two buckets at the entrance of the church or you can use tap and go as well.

NEW FINANCIAL YEAR GIVING ENVELOPES

New Parish Giving Envelopes are available at the back of the church. **Please check your name and ensure you pick up the correct ones**. New envelopes will commence from the 5th July 2020. Receipts for this financial year will be available early July. If you have any question please do not hesitate to contact us.



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.



PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

To become a regular contributor please fill in this slip and return it to the Parish Office.

Name: Telephone No.:

Address:
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Email :

Yes, Please send me a set of envelopes.

Yes, tax deduction required

Yes, Please organise automatic credit card deductions.
(A credit card authority form will be sent to you for completion)

No tax deduction necessary

LIVESTREAMING OF HOLY MASS AND SERVICES

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

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.



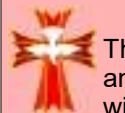
THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR 2020

The Sacrament of Reconciliation for the children who are currently in Year 3 and above will not be held in November this year but we will be held in Term 1 of next year in accordance with the Government restrictions and if they relax the number of people being able to attend. Dates are yet to be advised. Parents please prepare your children.



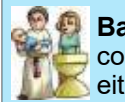
THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR 2020

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion for children who are currently in Year 4 and above who were to make their First Holy Communion in June this year will now make the Sacrament in Term 4 of this year in accordance with the Government restrictions and if they relax the number of people being able to attend. Dates are yet to be advised. Parents please prepare your children.



THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR 2020

The Sacrament of Confirmation for children in Year 6 and above which was to be held in September this year will now be held in Term 4 of this year in accordance with the Government restrictions and if they relax the number of people being able to attend. Dates are yet to be advised. Parents please prepare your children.



Baptisms: If you wish to Baptise your child please contact the parish office to make an appointment with either Fr Dominic or Fr Richard.



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

Since the beginning of pandemic restrictions, the monthly Mass at Liverpool Cemetery has been celebrated and streamed, via You-Tube, from All Saints, Liverpool, with the Mass being offered for the repose of the souls of those in Liverpool, Kemp's Creek and Rookwood Catholic Cemeteries. This will continue to occur while restrictions prevail.

Since the restrictions have been eased, we invite people who normally attend this Mass at the Cemetery, along with any other parishioners, to join us at All Saints, Liverpool to celebrate this Mass. As there is currently a limit of 50 people, we ask that people register in advance by contacting All Saints, Liverpool, by telephone on 9753 6500 or by email diane@cpasl.org.au.

The next Mass is scheduled for Wednesday, 8 July (second Wednesday of the month) at 10.30 am.

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



Sick: Janelle CLIFTON, Rita SHAH, Virgilio MARIANO, Kristian SERIC, Fr Emmanuel SEO, Gary LOMAS, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Giuseppina LETTIERI

Recently Deceased: Virgilio SERNERO, Romualgo PUBLICO, Pedro Andres VARGAS, Fortunata CAPAROTTA

Death Anniversary: Anton NGUYEN VAN CO, Anna Hoa NGUYEN

Other: Rocco MILETO, Fortunata MILETO, Domenico ZAPPIA, Francesca ZAPPIA, Paul Xeng SAYAVONGSA, Mary Tian SAYAVONGSA, Kenneth JIANG, Fr Pat McAULIFFE, Michael GRIMA, Clifford FERNANDES, Gloria O'BRIEN, Marion FENECH, Jimmy FENECH and Maryann FENECH

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new envelopes for the 2020-2021 Financial Year are now available outside the Church foyer. **Please ensure you pick up your correct envelope by checking both your name and address.**



We congratulate the family of Alessia ISLAS who will be baptised here this Sunday 28th June.

LOST: The following items are missing from the Church

- Crucifix from the Altar
- Bells from the Sanctuary
- Statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Statue from inside the glass cabinet



If anyone knows where they are or if you have borrowed them can you please speak to Fr Dominic, Fr Richard or call the parish office on 9823 2572. Thank you.



MARRIAGE MASS - SUNDAY 12TH JULY AT 10:30AM

We are very pleased to announce that the Marriage Mass at St Mary's Cathedral will be going ahead. While we will not be able to have hospitality or a presentation of certificates, but we welcome all married couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries to come, celebrate and receive a blessing from Archbishop Anthony. Please send your expressions of interest to me at chris.dasilva@sydneycatholic.org



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

Saints of the Week



St Peter also known as Simon Peter, had humble beginnings and became one of the Twelve Apostles. He was the first Apostle to perform miracles in the name of the Lord. He was instrumental in bringing the Gospel to the Gentiles. Peter is considered the first Pope.

Feast Day: June 29



St Paul is one of the most important and influential of all the saints. He even presided over the persecutions of the early Christians and was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen. St Paul was converted from Judaism on the road to Damascus. He was the ultimate missionary, travelling throughout many countries and lands, preaching the Gospel of Jesus. He established

numerous Churches during his travels and was even imprisoned several times.

Feast Day: June 29



St Thomas was born a Jew and was called to be one of the twelve Apostles.

He was a dedicated but impetuous follower of Christ. At the Last Supper, when Christ told His disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come because they knew both the place and the way, Thomas pleaded that they did not understand and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Thomas, unwilling to believe other apostles had seen the Risen Lord, he earned the title "doubting Thomas." On Christ's second apparition Thomas saw the wounds in our Lord's hands and side and proclaimed "My Lord and my God."

Feast day: July 3

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Next Sunday:
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
 First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10
 Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13
 Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Reflection Questions.....

- What was your immediate reaction to hearing or reading this passage.....
- When have you had to choose between conflicting priorities in your life.....
- How might you 'offer a cup of water' and welcome a disciple who comes in an unlikely form.....
- How might you discuss these 'hard teachings' of Jesus with a modern audience.....

First reading **2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16**
A reading from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm **88:2-3, 16-19**
Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
 through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
 Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
 that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
 who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
 who find their joy every day in your name,
 who make your justice the source of their bliss.

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
 by your favour it is that our might is exalted;
 for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
 our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second reading **Romans 6:3-4, 8-11**
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation **1 Peter 2:9**
 Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.
 Praise God who call you out of darkness and into his
 marvellous light.
 Alleluia.

Gospel **Matthew 10:37-42**
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord