



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

St Dominic, priest

Tuesday - 8:00am

St John Vianney, priest

Wednesday - 7:00pm

Thursday - 9:00am

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Friday - 9:00am

St Sixtus II, pope, martyr and companions, martyrs

St Cajetan, priest

Saturday - 9:00am

St Mary of the Cross, virgin

NEXT SUNDAY

8/9 AUGUST

(19th 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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

1st & 2nd August, 2020

The power of Jesus' presence

There was an old man named Jim who would go to Church everyday for just a few minutes. People were curious and asked him: "Why do you come to the Church everyday?" "I come to pray" Jim answered. "What prayer can you say in a few minutes?" "I say; Jesus here I am, it's Jim, and then I leave" One day Jim was sick and had to go to the hospital, where he was admitted to the ward for the poor. The chaplain asked him "Jim, tell us how it is that from the day you came to this ward many things changed for the better? the patients are happier, friendlier?" "I don't know, when I can walk around I try to visit everyone. I greet them, talk a bit with them. When I can't walk, they gather around my bed and we laugh and be happy together." "But why are you so happy?" "Well, I used to go to the Church to visit Jesus everyday. Now I can't do that anymore, Jesus comes here." "Jesus comes to visit you? What does he say?" "He says; Jim, here I am, It's Jesus!" A simple act of love and trust enabled Jim to experience so much joy in the presence of Jesus which also influenced people around him.

In the Gospel today, the large crowd long for Jesus' presence, they searched for him in the lonely place, "He withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves." Jesus is exhausted physically and spiritually but he lets go of concern for himself, and begins to heal the crowds, "He took pity on them and healed their sick." By the end of the day, the disciples tried to find an easy way out. "Send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." But the human Jesus shown us his very sensitive human being "There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves." The disciples with an act of trust brought to Jesus all they had and by doing what Jesus told them to do, 'five loaves and two fish', about five thousand men, besides women and children were filled and fully satisfied with twelve baskets left over.

For many people prayer is a longing for Jesus' presence, before performing the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish to feed hungry people, Jesus prayed, gave thanks to God. He wants to teach us that it is necessary to pray before pastoral, social and charitable works. Let us be conscious of Jesus' presence in our daily prayers.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

1335 The miracles of the multiplication of the loaves, when the Lord says the blessing, breaks and distributes the loaves through his disciples, prefigure the superabundance of this unique bread of the Eucharist.

Fr Dominic

The 100 Person Limit and 4m2 Rule

The major changes are as follows:

1. The 4m² rule still determines the maximum number of people per building, but there is **now a restriction to 100 even in those large churches** where the 4m² rule might have allowed for a greater number.
2. Baptism, anointing and giving Holy Communion is regarded as of no greater risk than the service of food and drinks in restaurants and clubs which is allowed; with a suitable COVID Safety plan in place, these celebrations are permissible.
3. Congregational singing is still not allowed. Recent health advice has indicated that while droplets quickly fall to the ground, the aerosol emissions during singing promote too great a risk even for those adhering to the specified 1.5m physical distancing requirement.
4. Singers and choirs, however, are permissible, on the following conditions:
 - o singers are to be spaced at least 1.5m apart from each other and at least 4m distanced from the congregation, and
 - o where choirs face each other, they must be at least 4m away from those they are facing.

Members of the congregation are discouraged from mingling before, during or after the service.

Parishioners who wish to attend Masses are required to provide their contact details (name and phone number or email address of one adult in each family) as they enter the Church.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new envelopes for the 2020-2021 Financial Year are now available in the Parish office.

TAXATION RECEIPTS

The taxation receipts for the 2019-2020 financial year are also available for collection from the Parish office.

If for any reason you are unable to collect them from the office please let us know and we will post them to you.



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.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS 2020



Enrolments will take place over one weekend only on **Saturday 15th August 6:30 - 7:30pm** and **Sunday 16th August 9:00am to 12:00pm**

You are required to bring a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate together with \$20 contribution fee to successfully enrol for the Sacrament.

Please make sure that only one family member comes into the hall to enrol the child due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Parents there maybe the opportunity for the children's lessons to be online.

For further information please contact Linda Barilla on 9607 4993.

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.

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

Vinnies is proud to announce the launch of the Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP) for students in Years 4 – 6, who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. For more information please go to <https://bit.ly/MVFPinfo>

This is the link to the **Vinnies Metropolitan Schools July 2020 Newsletter:**

<https://bit.ly/VinniesMetroSchoolsNewsletter2020Term3>

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



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

Recently Deceased: Andrew Stephen MADAY, Ruth Elizabeth BEJARANDO BE MALDONADO, Tan LE, Josephine ZERAFA, Virgilio SERNERO

Death Anniversary:

Other: Michael GRIMA, Marion FENECH, Jimmy FENECH and Maryann FENECH, Special Intention

THE FEAST OF MARY MACKILLOP

On the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop Saturday August 8th 2020, Mary MacKillop Place will be **CLOSED**.

Mass in the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel will be **Livestreamed at 10:00am August 8th** followed by a time of prayer at the tomb.

The details will be posted on the website marymackillopplace@mmp.org.au

The Archdiocese of Sydney, Catholic Aboriginal Community

will be holding a **special Mass on Sunday 2nd August at 11am to celebrate Children's Day**. The Mass will be lived streamed via their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ReconciliationChurchSydney/>

Saints of the Week



St Dominic was born into a rich, noble Spanish family. By the time he was 21 he had sold everything he owned so that he could help feed the homeless population of Spain. He was a Castilian priest and founder of the Dominican Order and was friends with St Francis of Assisi. He pursued a life of humility and obedience dying at 51.

Feast Day August 3

Patron of Astronomers, astronomy, Dominican Republic and falsely accused people



St John Vianney

St John Baptiste Vianney was born in France in 1786. After being drafted into the army, he deserted and returned home and entered the seminary in 1813.

He was assigned to Ecully and in 1818 he became Cure, as pastor of Ars. He spent to twelve hours each day working to reconcile people with God. In the summer months, he often worked 16-hour days working in the confessional, administering the Sacrament of Penance, or Reconciliation.

St. John Vianney would often say: "Private prayer is like straw scattered here and there: If you set it on fire, it makes a lot of little flames. But gather these straws into a bundle and light them, and you get a mighty fire, rising like a column into the sky; public prayer is like that."

Feast Day: 4th August

Patron: of Priests



St Mary of the Cross

Mary Helen MacKillop (15th January 1842 - 8th August 1909), also known as Saint Mary of the Cross, was an Australian Roman Catholic nun who, together with Father Julian Tenison Woods, founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart and a number of schools and welfare institutions throughout Australasia with an emphasis on education for the poor, particularly in country areas.

On 17 July 2008, Pope Benedict XVI prayed at her tomb during his visit to Sydney for World Youth Day 2008. On 19 December 2009, Pope Benedict XVI approved the Roman Catholic Church's recognition of a second miracle attributed to her intercession. She was canonised on 17 October 2010 during a public ceremony in St Peter's Square at the Vatican. She is the only Australian to be recognised by the Roman Catholic Church as a saint.

Feast Day: August 8

Patron of Australia, Brisbane, Knights of the Southern Cross

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Next Sunday:

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-23

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ Some examples of Jesus using my meagre resources - "five loaves and two fishes" - and making them enough for others are.....
- ♦ I am most inclined to give my all to God when..... I most hold back from God when.....
- ♦ What God has given me in abundance is..... What I give abundantly to others is.....

First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

144:8-9, 15-18

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live.

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts.

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Second reading

Romans 8:35, 37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Isaiah 55:1-3

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining; twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord

