



# 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 WEEK 4

**Monday - 8:00am**

*St Mark, evangelist*

**Tuesday - 8:00am**

*St Louis Grignion de  
Montfort, priest*

**Wednesday - 7:00pm**

*St Peter Chanel, priest,  
martyr*

**Thursday - 9:00am**

*St Catherine of Siena, virgin,  
doctor*

**Friday - 9:00am**

*St Pius V, pope*

**Saturday - 9:00am**

*St Joseph the Worker*

#### NEXT SUNDAY

**1/2 MAY**

*(Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Year B)*

**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

## Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

24th & 25th April, 2021

### The Good Shepherd

One day as Gandhi stepped aboard a train, one of his shoes slipped off and landed on the track. He was unable to retrieve it as the train was moving. To the amazement of his companions, without hesitation Gandhi calmly took off his other shoe and threw back along the track to land close to the first. Asked by a fellow passenger why he did so, Gandhi smiled, "*The one who finds the shoes lying on the track, will now have a pair that he can use.*" Gandhi conscious of the needs of others, knew and lived Jesus' words closely. "*I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*" There are three qualities that speak about a good shepherd that is '**understanding, caring and self-sacrificing**'. For Jesus, the true disciple was the good shepherd who was deeply committed to his sheep. He knew where the good pastures were and led the sheep to them, even over rough ground. The good shepherd would lead and walk ahead of his flock.

Today's gospel on the Good Shepherd Sunday reminds us that Jesus considers each one of us as his own. His love and concern for us is always personal. "*I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.*" While it is true that all of us belong to one human race, his love for each one of us is always uniquely special. He knows all of us by name. It is precisely because his love for each one is unique that the care he bestows is always suited to one's needs, one's temperament and psychological makeup. It is a love that respects and gives consideration for our individual uniqueness as persons.

We are all called to be good shepherds in our own right. Some of us may hold seemingly ordinary positions, but none of these are insignificant. For instance: parents to their children, teachers to their students, employers to their employees, priests to their parishioners etc.

Let us pray that we are all aware of our roles and commitments towards others especially to those whom we are called to be good shepherds to.

#### Catechism of the Catholic Church

754 The church is, accordingly, a sheepfold, the sole and necessary gateway to which is Christ. It is also a flock of which God himself foretold that he would be the shepherd, and whose sheep, even though governed by human shepherds, are unfailingly nourished and led by Christ himself, the Good Shepherd and Prince of Shepherds, who gave his life for his sheep.

"To hear and answer the Lord's call is not a private and completely personal matter fraught with momentary emotion. Rather, it is a specific, real and total commitment which embraces the whole of our existence and sets it at the service of the growth of God's Kingdom on earth. The Christian vocation, rooted in the contemplation of the Father's heart, thus inspires us to solidarity in bringing liberation to our brothers and sisters, especially the poorest. A disciple of Jesus has a heart open to his unlimited horizons, and friendship with the Lord never means flight from this life or from the world. On the contrary, it involves a profound interplay between communion and mission (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 23)."

Fr Dominic

## NSW Restrictions for Churches due to Covid-19

Places of worship are now allowed to have one person per the 2m<sup>2</sup> with no maximum cap. From Monday, 29 March, no cap on numbers at funerals and weddings, provided a 2m<sup>2</sup> rule is observed.

### PLEASE NOTE:

- **Masks are no longer compulsory, but you are welcome to wear them if you feel more comfortable.**
- **Parishioners who wish to attend Masses are required to provide their contact details as they enter the Church. Registration forms are available on tables at the entrance of the Church.**
- **You could also use the QR Code option to register before entering the Church.**

## Faith Matters

### A Brief Word about the Collection


At the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist the gifts which will become Christ's Body and Blood are brought to the Altar. This is also the time to receive money or other gifts brought by the faithful or collected in the church. The Collection is something more than a necessary evil, a practical response to the needs of the poor and needy, or a pragmatic activity to keep the parish running financially. **But, what is its spiritual connection to Mass?** Certainly, more mature theological reflection needs to be brought to bear on this important action of the community to highlight its connection to the paschal mystery, the outpouring love of Christ before God. We must be conscious of this offering that we make. We must know that what we have offered to God is not lost, but rather fulfilled in love. Above all, through this act of offering, we ourselves must become a pleasing offering to God.



Our Parish **HOUSIE TEAM** is also in need of some new members to assist once a month at the Liverpool Catholic Club. The Parish Housie which is run on Saturday afternoons between 2pm and 4.30pm is our main form of **fundraising for our future new church** and is resuming on Saturday 13th March. **Prizes total at least \$6700 each week! IT is also a great social opportunity for catching up with friends!**

Duties include selling bingo books, reconciling cash and prizes- someone else calls the numbers and games- so please consider if you would love to contribute to the parish and community in this way- Contact Grant 0409 958744 or the parish office on 9823 2572.

This is the link to the **Vinnies Metropolitan Schools and Youth April 2021 Newsletter**: <https://youthnsw.vinnies.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Vinnies-Metro-Schools-Youth-Newsletter-Term-2-2021.pdf>

 **Palms Australia** **Volunteer Bookkeeper Position: Assisting poverty reduction (15 hours per week).** Please see Church noticeboard for details.



### Can you picture yourself being a foster carer?

Family Spirit needs your help to find part-time, short-term or long-term carers for children and young people of all ages. To find out more, you are invited to our online information sessions on Wednesday 28 April at 12.30 - 1.30pm, Wednesday 26th

May, 6:30 - 7:30pm and Wednesday 23rd June, 12:30 - 1:30pm. To book call

**Family Spirit 13 181 9**

connect@familyspirit.org  
8am - 6pm Monday - Friday



### A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

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.



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## Parish Appeal

Your donation supports the work of charitable agencies in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

**1 and 2 May 2021**

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) May Appeal is happening this weekend and we need your help. COVID-19 has taken an especial toll on the most vulnerable in Sydney - including those now facing homelessness, single mothers, those struggling with mental health, and our local Aboriginal communities.

Special envelopes are available at the parish. Alternatively, you can lean more and donate securely at [www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf)  
Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.





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



### First Holy Communion Registrations

First Holy Communion for candidates in Year 4 and above and have made their First Reconciliation will be celebrated this year during the weekend Masses of 12-13th & 19-20th June. If you would like your child to celebrate this Sacrament this year please complete a registration form which can be found in the Church foyer. Please ensure all registrations are returned to the Parish Office before the first meeting.

### INFORMATION NIGHT

An Enrolment and Information evening for parents for the First Holy Communion Program will be held on **Tuesday 27 April 2021 at 7pm** in the church. If you wish to enrol your child please complete the registration form at

<https://www.trybooking.com/BQFWQ>

Any questions please call:

Kylie 0473 779 338 or Tamara 0424 166 248



**CONFIRMATION** will take place on **Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th September at 7:00pm** in the Church. Please keep watching this space for changes and updates.

Any enquiries please contact Linda Barilla on 0409 914 083.



### JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Enrolments for 2022 - NOW OPEN**

Application packages for enrolment in 2022 kindergarten are now available from the school office Monday to Friday 9:30am-2:30pm. More information regarding the application process is also available on our school website or through our school Facebook page. You may ring 9823 5042 for any other enquiries.

Application for older grades are also welcome and applicants will be placed on a waiting list.

**The closing date for Kindergarten 2022 applications is Friday 30th April 2021.**

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



**Sick:** Lachlan BENSON, Rowena SANCHEZ, Gino BORG, Gung Jec MENG, Thip SAKOUNKHU, Cindy CALDEJON, Julia CEFAL, John Da RIN, Raelene GARCIA, Melda MIZZI, Gabriel STORNELLI, Rita SHAH, Virgilio MARIANO, Kristian SERIC, Gary LOMAS, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Giuseppina LETTIERI

**Recently Deceased:** Wilma ONG, Glenda MARASIGAN, Etelka KOMAROMI, Lucy ROSE, Maria DEFINA, Ten Fong MU, Carlito MARCELLA, Joselito DIONISIO, Cardinal Edward Idris CASSIDY, Fr Reg WILSON, Fr Michael McCARTHY, Fr Phillip CROTTY

**Anniversary:** Fr Pat McAULIFFE, Tarcisius ZAMMIT, Giuseppe PIGNATARO, Frank ZERAFA, Irene BOSOKY

**Other:** Barry BLAKENEY, Giuseppe PETRULLA, Carmelo PETRULLA, Rosaria & Pasquale PETRULLA & Family, Giovanni & Carmella BONARIGGIO & Family, Nicola & Antonia VITERALE & Family, Pasquale & Rosa LETTIERI & Family, Giovanni GOTTARDO & Family, Raffaele CAFASSO & Family, Benito MAZZEO & Family, Franco LUONGO & Family, and all the Souls in Purgatory, Michael GRIMA, Marion FENECH, Jimmy FENECH and Maryann FENECH, Clifford FERNANDES, Gloria O'BRIEN, Thanksgiving St Anthony and St Jude.



They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them nor the years contemn  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them

Lest we forget

ANZAC DAY



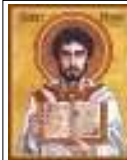
### 50TH ANNUAL MEMBER MASS & COMMUNION LUNCHEON

The 50th Annual Member Mass will be celebrated at All Saints' Catholic Church Liverpool on Sunday 16 May 2021. Mass will commence at 11am.

At the conclusion of the Mass a luncheon will be served in the Grand Ballroom of the Club followed by entertainment.

Admittance to the luncheon is by ticket only - \$45.00 per member - Bookings are essential, tickets can be purchased at the Rear Reception or book online at [www.liverpoolcatholic.com.au](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.com.au)

## Saints of the Week



### St Mark

Much of what we know about St. Mark, the author of the Second Gospel, comes largely from the New Testament and early Christian traditions. He was the son of Mary of Jerusalem whose home became a meeting place for the apostles. He is also the cousin of St. Barnabas a Levite and a Cypriot. Mark also held a close relationship with St. Peter and was not one of the twelve apostles. St. Mark lived for years in Alexandria, where he died as a martyr while being dragged through the streets. In 828, relics of St. Mark were stolen from Alexandria and taken to Venice, Italy. There they are enshrined in a beautiful cathedral dedicated to the saint. St. Mark's symbol is a winged lion.

**Feast Day: April 26**



### 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 he 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 wondrous 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 30**

**Parish Contacts:**

Parish Pastoral Council Chairman: Jeff Lai - 0409 288 812  
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 Community Care: Tina Dunn - 0439 492 920; Sharon Cook - 0410 494 700  
 Readers and Catechists: Nina Laureti - 0408 465 149  
 Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers: : Linda Barilla - 9607 4993  
 Confirmation: Linda Barilla - 9607 4993 or 0409 914 083  
 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  
 Men's Group: Branko Poljak - 0411 281 299

**Next Sunday:****Fifth Sunday of Easter ( Year B)**

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31  
 Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24  
 Gospel: John 15:1-8

**Reflection Questions.....**

- ♦ I have heard the voice of Jesus as my Good Shepherd when.....
- ♦ I could improve my hearing his voice by.....
- ♦ I could improve following his voice by.....

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

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

**The Word of the Lord****Responsorial Psalm 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29*****The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.***

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
 for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
 than to trust in men;

it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
 than to trust in princes.

*The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.*

I will thank you for you have answered  
 and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected  
 has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
 a marvel in our eyes.

*The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.*

Blessed in the name of the Lord  
 is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
 You are my God, I thank you.

My God, I praise you.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
 for his love has no end.

*The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.*

**Second reading****A reading from the first letter of St John**

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
 by letting us be called God's children;  
 and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,

**Acts 4:8-12**

therefore it does not acknowledge us.  
 My dear people, we are already the children of God  
 but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;  
 all we know is, that when it is revealed  
 we shall be like him  
 because we shall see him as he really is.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
 I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
 Alleluia!

**John 10:14****Gospel****A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John****John 10:11-18**

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:  
 the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his  
 sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd  
 and the sheep do not belong to him,  
 abandons the sheep and runs away  
 as soon as he sees a wolf coming,  
 and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;  
 this is because he is only a hired man  
 and has no concern for the sheep.

'I am the good shepherd;  
 I know my own  
 and my own know me,  
 just as the Father knows me  
 and I know the Father;  
 and I lay down my life for my sheep.  
 And there are other sheep I have  
 that are not of this fold,  
 and these I have to lead as well.  
 They too will listen to my voice,  
 and there will be only one flock,  
 and one shepherd.

'The Father loves me,  
 because I lay down my life  
 in order to take it up again.  
 No one takes it from me;  
 I lay it down of my own free will,  
 and as it is in my power to lay it down,  
 so it is in my power to take it up again;  
 and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**