



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 3

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - 8:00am

St Francis of Assisi

Wednesday - 7:00pm

Thursday - 9:00am

St Bruno, priest

Friday - 9:00am

Our Lady of the Rosary

Saturday - 7.30 & 9:00am

NEXT SUNDAY

8/9 OCTOBER

(28th Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year C)

Saturday Vigil Mass:
5:30pm

Sunday Masses:

8:00am, 10:00am & 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

Rosary 8.15am

Reconciliations:

Wednesday 7.30pm

Saturday 4:15 – 5:00pm

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office

or Fr Dominic 0423 420 639

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 1st & 2nd October, 2022

Have faith in God

I asked for strength and God gave me difficulties to make me strong.

I asked for wisdom and God gave me problems to solve.

I asked for courage and God gave me dangers to overcome.

I asked for patience and God placed me where I had to wait.

I asked for love and God gave me people to help.

I asked for favours and God gave me opportunities.

I received nothing I wanted. I received everything I needed.

My prayers have all been answered.

This prayer is said only to illustrate a point about faith, the theme of today's Gospel reading. The disciples ask Jesus. "*Lord, increase our faith.*" Faith is not so much to be given something new, it is rather to be able to see what already is and see everything in a new way. In 1948, Mother Theresa of Calcutta started her mission with 45 Rupees: to care for the poorest of the poor. Many people laughed at her naïve and simplistic ways, but her faith and love enabled her to achieve the seemingly impossible mission. With a strong faith Mother Theresa saw the beauty in serving the poor while many other people did not. Every day she was encountering Christ in thousands of ways. Mother Theresa knows from her own personal experience what Jesus means when he says, "*Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea' and it will obey you.*" She has witnessed the power of faith through her daily prayer and work. The extraordinary thing about faith is its ordinariness. There are people who try to use their faith to make God into their servant by asking and demanding God to do what they want.



In today's Gospel Jesus tells about the servant who comes home from ploughing the fields. "*Which of you would say to him, 'Come and have your meal immediately?' Would you not be more likely to say, 'get my supper....you can eat and drink afterwards'?*" *Must we be grateful for the servant for doing what he is told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "we are merely servants, we have done no more than our duty."*

Let us pray that our faith will enable us to see God who accompanies, supports and challenges us in many simple ways.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

548 The signs worked by Jesus attest that the Father has sent him. They invite belief in him. To those who turn to him in faith, he grants what they ask. So miracles strengthen faith in the One who does his Father's works; they bear witness that he is the Son of God. But his miracles can also be occasions for 'offence'; they are not intended to satisfy people's curiosity or desire for magic.

Heavenly Father, grant that our families may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches. Make us ever more mindful of the sacredness and beauty of the family in God's plan.



Volunteer Accounts Officer/Bookkeeper
Are you a retired Accounts Officer looking to contribute your bookkeeping skills to a Catholic Charity?

Palms Australia facilitates our response, as church, to global communities who seek mentors to build the capacity of their organisations and individuals and so reduce poverty. Securing a part-time volunteer Accounts Officer will allow Palms to use more of their donations to recruit, prepare, send, and support the qualified and experienced Catholics who volunteer for our mission abroad.



Kevin Wilson will be delighted to discuss the possibilities.
Ph 0412 550 902 OR E-mail kevin@palms.org.au

Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia: Retreats for women

Feminine Genius

14-16 October
 Mount Schoenstatt Shrine and Retreat Centre
 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa

For Catholic women, aged 18-35, single or married. A weekend of prayer, talks, silence and fellowship. The retreat begins at 5pm on Friday and concludes at 1pm on Sunday.

Accommodation and meals included in the retreat fee. (Single room: \$340.00; Shared room: \$250.00; please speak to the sisters if financial assistance is needed)

Register by emailing the Sisters at: sydney@op-tn.org

Beloved Women's Day Retreat

An initiative of the Catholic Women's Network, Sydney Centre for Evangelisation

Saturday November 5th

8:30am- 5:30pm
 Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale.

Speakers include Sr Mary Julian Ekman (Religious Sister of Mercy of Alma, Michigan), Fr Daniele Russo (Vocation Centre, Archdiocese of Sydney) and Heather Khym, co-host, Abiding Together podcast.

\$65 earlybird price until 14th October.

All meals included. For more details and to register, visit: <https://www.catholicwomensnetwork.org/event/cwn-beloved-retreat/>

"Pre-Advent" Weekend Parish Retreat to the Snowy Region

Friday morning 11 November 2022 to
 Sunday evening 13 November 2022

Visiting Cooma, Dalgety, Jindabyne, Thredbo, Berridale
 Ring 9604 8927, or see Details on the brochure in the foyer or from Father.

National Catholic Men's Gathering

MAX2022 in Sydney @ Benedict XVI Retreat Centre: Oct 7-9

MAX2022 is a National Catholic Gathering of men which is a collaboration between menALIVE and the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation.

The theme this year is—RENEW / REFRESH / RECONNECT. After several years of almost no live events, we are looking forward to gather to listen, learn and long for the fullness of life. We desire to grow into the men we were made to be, better husbands, fathers, and men of God.

Men from all over Australia will join us and there will be nothing this year in Australia like it!
 Online registrations open now: <https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/MAX2022Syd>

'Walking with Wisdom Series' (in person or via Zoom), 4 x Thursdays, 6-27 October 2022, 10am-12.30pm. This series offers a time to explore the depths of wisdom in our own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another ... to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Led by spiritual directors Carole Carmody rsm and Julie Adam. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$30 per session or \$100 for the series. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, email office@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2023 to work with young people in our Salesian communities with disadvantaged young people in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31st, 2022. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or hichaaba@salesians.org.au

St. Mary's Liverpool Class of '72 - 50 Year Reunion

12.00pm Saturday 22 October 2022
 Liverpool Catholic Club

Organisers - Bronwyn Seconi & Karen Hood Contact our Facebook Page "St. Mary's Liverpool'72" or alternatively bronwynkrauze@bigpond.com

Feasts of the Week



St Francis of Assisi

Saint Francis of Assisi, born Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone, informally named as Francesco, was a wealthy young man of privilege, served as a soldier and was a prisoner of war. He heard God's call and became a Catholic friar, deacon and preacher. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of Saint Clare, the Third Order of Saint Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land. He went on to be one of the most venerated Catholic Saints. He designed the first Nativity set and was the first man ever recorded to receive the Stigmata, the wounds of Christ.

Feast Day: October 4



St Bruno was born in Cologne of the prominent Hartenfaust family. He studied at the Cathedral school at Rheims. He was ordained in 1055 and became a professor of theology. He was one of the most remarkable scholars and teachers of his time. He and six companions

built a monastery and founded the Catusians order in 1084. They embraced poverty, manual labour, prayer and transcribing manuscripts. Their fame spread and Bruno became an advisor to the Pope. After 6 years he founded St Mary's monastery in Calabria. He passed away in 1102.

Feast Day: October 6



Our Lady of the Rosary, also known as Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, is a title of the Blessed Virgin Mary in relation to the Rosary. The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, formerly known as Our Lady of Victory and Feast of the Holy Rosary, is a feast day of the Roman Catholic Church.

Feast Day: October 7

Ministries Next Week 8/9 October	Sat 5.30 pm	Sun 8.00 am	Sun 10 am	Sun 5:30 pm
READERS:	G Turnbull M Camilleri	S Hely J Finucane	J Mataele M Hourmozi	R Capolupo A Vanderwert
EUCCHARIST MINISTERS:	F Bushby D Vella M Camilleri	D Sullivan J Finucane S Xuereb	R Hibbs J Habib N Laureti	R Imbert M Abdul



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

Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:
Ava Marasco, Aaliyah Kis and Abel Le
May they always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout their life.



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Friday 2nd December - Christmas Carols
Further information will be provided closer to the dates.

How well do we love God and others?

In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ gives us Two Commandments: *“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. ... The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ...”* (Mt 22:37-40). Do we love as Christ calls us to? Not sure what love is? St. Paul describes it for us in his Letter to the Corinthians. Is this how you love God and others? *“Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails”* (1 Cor 13:4-8). By loving, we put our faith into action.



BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

Many families in Emdibir are subsistence farmers, and distressingly, many are unable to put enough food on the table each day.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Church and community in Emdibir, Ethiopia, where your gift can help build a life-changing program from the ground up to help address this urgent need.

We hope you will take this opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.



CATECHIST NEWS

There are always **vacancies** at our schools due to work commitments or well earned travel holidays. **We are in need of a Yr 3 or 4 Catechist at Governor Philip King Primary on Tuesdays from 9:30-10:00am. If you are interested please contact Connie Giannone on 0431 694 007.**

Any enquiries regarding the Catechist Ministry please feel free to contact me 0408 465 149.

Together we proclaim the Gospel to little children.
Nina

Marriage Enrichment Weekend



Join us to learn together to live your best life in love!

Join us on **28-30 October 2022**
at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW
a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney.

Book online at www.wvme.org.au
or contact **Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419**

Men put faith on display. To join the men's group or to find out more, email jbmg@johnthebaptist.org.au or call/SMS Daniel on 0411 254 520.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Can you help? We are in need of helpers and leaders for the 8:00am Mass on Sunday. If you are interested in helping please contact Angela Galdas on 9606 8403 or 0410 964 196.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS are now available to purchase from the Piety store for \$10.00 each.



PARISH MORNING TEAS



Our Parish morning teas have commenced following our 8:00am and 10:00am Masses. We are in need of volunteers to assist with setting up and cleaning up.

If you are interested in helping please call Teresa Vartuli our coordinator on 0413 835 250 and you will be placed on a roster once a month. Thank you.

FOUND: Credit Card in the carpark.
Set of Keys in the Church.
Please contact the parish office on 9823 2572



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. 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.

PARISH HOUSIE VOLUNTEERS:



We are in need of volunteers to help with our Parish Housie at the Liverpool Catholic Club on **Saturdays from 12:00pm to around 4:45pm on a monthly roster**. If you can assist in anyway please see Fr Dominic or contact the Parish

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

Sick: Theresa MERCIECA, Avelino San BUENAVENTURA, Guiseppina ANDRONACO, Mariola, Rita DALLI, Alexander (Sandy) ANDERSON, Jessie ZAMMIT, John DEMICOLI, Judy DIVANI, Bozana VUKOV, Lachlan BENSON, Gino BORG, Gung Jec MENG, Cindy CALDEJON, Julia CEFAL, Melda MIZZI, Rita SHAH, Virgilio MARIANO, Kristian SERIC, Gary LOMAS



Recently Deceased: Domenico SPAGNOLO, Elsa ZILLOTTO, Ginevra STANTE, Acasio CARVAILHO, Jean Jimmy LAFLEUR

Anniversary: Sam PERINICH

Other: Michael GRIMA, Marion FENECH, Jimmy FENECH and Maryanne FENECH, Thanksgiving for favours received to St Anthony and St Jude, Thanksgiving

Parish Ministries:

Parish Pastoral Council Chairman: Jeff Lai
Finance Committee: Rosa Marciano
Community Care: Tina Dunn & Sharon Cook
Readers and Catechists: Nina Laureti
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers: : Linda Barilla
Confirmation: Linda Barilla
Reconciliation and First Communion: Tamara Vella
Altar Servers - Fr Dominic

Children's Liturgy: Angela Galdas
Church Linen: Michelle De Luca
Church Cleaners: Ann Gorla
Piety Stall: Millie Breden
Morning Teas: Teresa Vartuli
Jordan Youth Group: Silvana Scamardella
Housie and Money Counting: Victoria Baltazar
Men's Group: Branko Poljak

For any inquiries, please call the parish office.

Next Sunday:

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year C)

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ I have wanted my faith to be increased when.....
- ♦ My faith has been increased by.....
- ♦ As an "unprofitable servant", what I am "obliged to do" for God is.....

First reading

Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

How long, O Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear
and you will not save?

Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is tyranny?
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said,
'Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,
but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

94:1-2, 6-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second reading

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

1 Peter 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 17:5-9

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

The Gospel of the Lord

