

OUT OF HOURS MEDICAL EMERGENCY
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"He must increase, I must decrease"

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5pm;
Sunday 7.30am, 9.15am, 6pm.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday-Friday 7.45am (Monday & Tuesday with Lauds)
Saturday and Public Holidays 9am.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK First Friday
4pm Mass

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE Friday
after morning Mass; First Friday
3.30pm; Saturday 9.30am (after
morning Mass) & 4.30pm; Sunday
7.00am.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Baptism
Preparation - 9.30am second and
fourth Sunday of the month
Sacrament of Baptism - 11.00am first
and third Sunday of the month . Please
contact the parish office for more
information.


**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT** Saturday after 9am Mass
until 10am Monday until 9am (Public
Holidays 10.15am) Thursday 7.30pm-
8.30pm for the needs of the Parish.

PARISH CHOIR Enquiries: 0417 659
526. Practice Wed nights in the church
@ 7pm. New members welcome.

Christian Meditation Thursday
afternoons from 2-3pm and Monday
evenings 6-7pm, in the Leo Mahon
room. All welcome!

St John the Baptist Church
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I will praise your name for_ e - ver, my King and my God.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only
Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. *Alleluia!*

Readings: 10th November 2019
2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thess 2:16 - 3:5; Lk 20:27-38

Keep Us In Your Prayers OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF:

Recently Deceased: Phil Cawthorne.
Anniversaries: Francis Miller, Val & Ellen Cubis, Beverley McMahon.
Sick: Geoff Floyd, Elaine Finlayson, Tom Searle, Bill Seton, Joan Kelleher, Kerry Baldwin, Brian Smith, Jason Simon, Vicki Pirie, Patricia Dwyer, Donna Vella, Donna Briemer, Oscar James Morreti, Betty Fraser, Luis Emilio Garrido, Audrey Kirkman, Malin Tugaga, Pamela Power, Mary Scarf, Louis & Rose Aloisio, Amanda Sheridan, Audey Barsenbach, Marta Panczyna, Sue James, Mary Wood, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Jo Farrelle, Anne Singleton, Tina Cohen, Janice Green, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Sheila Rogan, Karen Chorazyczewska, Ian Wilks, Michael Hourigan, John Horrigan, Ed Hyland, Daphne McNab, Shirley Crotty, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Tim Parker, Lorraine Smith, Larry Cresswell, Ken Joyce, Alison Richmond, June Townsend, Josie Weate, Andrew Muggs, Sheila Houghton, Chrissy Toms, Frank Levy, Dorothy Fulton, Roger Mitchell.

Quotes from *Amoris Laetitia*... "The Joy of Love"
Pope Francis

We also find it hard to make room for the consciences of the faithful, who very often respond as best they can to the Gospel amid their limitations, and are capable of carrying out their own discernment in complex situations. We have been called to form consciences, not to replace them.

ADVERTISING SPACE AVAILABLE



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St John the Baptist Catholic Church

Mission and Vision
Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL, through:
Worship and Liturgy
Outreach
Our Parish School
Hospitality
Adult & Child Faith Formation



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
3rd November, 2019, Year C (Psalter Week 3)
Gospel Reflection - © Fr Richard Leonard SJ



Philip was getting ready to graduate from university. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him he wanted this car as a graduation gift from the family. His father did nothing. As his graduation day approached, Philip awaited signs that his father had purchased the car.

Finally, the day after his graduation, his father called him into his study and told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and that he loved him. He handed Philip a beautifully wrapped box. Philip opened the box and found a beautiful, leather-bound Bible, with Philip's name embossed in gold. He did not even take the Bible out of the box. Angrily, he yelled at his father and said, 'Is this it? With all your money you give me a Bible?' and stormed out of the house, leaving the Bible behind. Philip's family ran after

him, but he jumped in his car and sped away. He refused to answer his mobile phone, even when his family kept ringing it for hours and hours.

Very late that night, when he had cooled down somewhat, he drove home to discover that his father had suffered a massive heart attack and died two hours before. His father had a history of heart disease. His furious and heart-broken mother told him to go and find the Bible which was the cause of the scene that morning.

He found the Bible right where he had thrown it down on his father's desk. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. He came to a bookmark where his father had carefully underlined a verse, Matt 7:11, 'And if you, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father in heaven give to those who ask Him?'

As he read those words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words...PAID IN FULL. Philip broke down and sobbed.

How many times do we miss God's blessings because they are not packaged as we expected? The Gospel we have just heard is often called, 'the little man's revenge'. Zacchaeus was the least likely person in Jericho to host Jesus at dinner. In fact, as this marvellous story goes, that was the last thing on his mind as well. All Zacchaeus seems to have wanted is get a good look at Jesus who was on a 'walkabout' in the village.

Jesus, however, seized the opportunity, given him by the actions of Jericho's chief tax collector, to teach everyone about how God's Kingdom comes in extraordinary packages. Because of his job, the local Jewish community would have hated Zacchaeus and yet Jesus does two things that welcome into the family of God: he calls him by name and dines with him. Jesus might have gone in the door of Zacchaeus' home, but he brings Zacchaeus out through God's door. He enables Zacchaeus to face up to his extortion and wealth and to claim his salvation.

It's the same with us. If only we have the eyes to see, the ears to hear and the arms to embrace, Jesus comes to us through the most unusual people, times and places. We are his family, he calls us by name and he dines with us as often as we choose to accept his standing invitation to this table. But there's a price tag: we are meant to be different people for this encounter, generous with all we have to offer the world and transparent in all our relationships.

No matter how lost we are, how far up a tree we get stuck or even when we are consumed with regret at the dreadful judgements we have made about the wrapping of God's gifts, Jesus calls us by name, invites us to his table and tells us that salvation is near at hand.

Parish News

Burglary Update: We have received payment from our insurance company to cover the loss of the collections taken on 8 September. We have had a risk management team from the Diocese visit and have implemented all recommendations to improve security.

HSC students: Please keep these students in your prayers during the exam period 17th October to 11th November.

Candidates for Reconciliation: Please note that the date for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation has changed from 29th November to **22nd November**.

The Book of the Names of the Dead will be in the Church during November. You are invited to write the names of the faithful departed in it. A lamp will be lit at all Masses.

November Envelopes: Available from the gathering table.

All Soul's Day cemetery visits: Point Clare: Prayers start in the Green Hut 11.15am, Saturday 2nd November. Palmdale: Prayers start 12.45pm at the undercover area to the East of the Chapels (next to the Native Gardens).

All Soul's Memorial Mass: Parishioners are warmly invited to celebrate All Souls Day during the 5pm Mass Saturday 2nd November. Together as a Parish community, we will remember our deceased family and friends and all those who have experienced the loss of a loved one this year. Supper will follow in the Leo Mahon Room.

Bishop Randazzo's Installation: The Parish Bus will be leaving at 5.00pm from the Church on Monday 4 November to travel to Waitara. Anyone wishing to travel should put their name on the list located on the table in the gathering area.

DROUGHT

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/drought

Rosters

Volunteer Church Cleaning 08/11/19: Michael French, Jo Salter, Bev Whackett, Kevin Glacken.

More Church Cleaners are required. If interested please call Christine French on 4342 4548.

Childrens' Liturgy 10/11/19: Christine French, Sue McKay, Gerri O'Keefe.



Sunday November 3rd 2019

For the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay, charity begins at home.

Rachel and Clare are two catechists who attended a public school in our Diocese and who received a Catholic Special Religious Education through the CCD. Clare even converted to Catholicism thanks to her positive experience with the CCD. Perhaps you or someone you know has benefited from a Catholic Religious Education class in a NSW Public School, made possible through donations of the faithful?

Your donations to the Charitable Works Fund are distributed amongst five Catholic services that assist the people of our Diocese.

CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioner Program – where five Pastoral Care Practitioners reach over 3,000 patients, 700 families and over 180 hospital staff each year across seven hospitals in our Diocese.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine – creating and updating teaching materials and training catechists who minister to public school students across the Diocese.

St Lucy's School – for primary school students with disabilities.

St Edmund's College – for secondary school students with disabilities.

Ephpheta Centre – serving the Catholic deaf community. The assessment for our parish for this financial year is

\$35,198. The third of three appeals will be held this weekend. Envelopes in the church.

Eastern Europe and Oberammergau Pilgrimage

Fr Paul Finucane from Holy Cross, Kincumber is Chaplain on the Pilgrimage with Harvest Journeys to Eastern Europe and Oberammergau next year from 13/7/2020 - 26/7/2020. To find out more information please find the details on the Gathering table.

Fransalian Quote

“One should not live in shame at the sight of one's weakness but in love and confidence in God.”

St. Francis de Sales

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Our Pope's call to all Catholics

“Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization”
(Apostolic Exhortation : Evangelii Gaudium)

There is no better way to be actively engaged in evangelization than to be a catechist teaching the catholic students of our parish who attend the state schools. If you are interested in finding out more about this ministry, ring the Parish Office on 4341 1073.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Pilgrim Walk - Sun 24 Nov @ 2.00pm.

Starting from Our Lady Star of the Sea, Terrigal to St Patrick's Church, East Gosford.

EACH INDIVIDUAL MUST TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR OWN WELLBEING AND SAFETY

Enquires: Parish Office: 4367 4610
0407234002/ 0404844300 /43811255 / 0404214459

LITURGICAL RECEPTION
AND SOLEMN MASS OF
INSTALLATION

of

*The Most Reverend
Anthony Randazzo DD,JCL*

AS THE FOURTH BISHOP
OF BROKEN BAY

ON MONDAY 4
NOVEMBER 2019 AT 6.45PM

ALL WELCOME

At The Light of Christ Centre, 28 Yardley Avenue, Waitara

Followed by Light Supper

RSVP by Monday 28 October

Please complete RSVP form online at

www.trybooking.com/564526

or

Email: events@bbatholic.org.au **Tel:** 02 8379 1621

Women's Advent Retreat Day - 2019

Notre Dame Chaplaincy warmly invites women of all ages to join us for our annual Women's Advent Retreat Day on Tuesday, December 3, 09am to 4:30pm.

The day will include three inspiring spiritual talks, Holy Mass, time for reflection, opportunity for Reconciliation, and Holy Hour. Morning tea and lunch are provided.

The retreat day is free of charge, but registration is essential. Please visit www.trybooking.com/563903 call 02 8204 4189 or e-mail sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au

LOCATION

The University of Notre Dame Australia
104 Broadway, Corner Abercrombie Street and
Broadway, Chippendale, NSW 2008

CCD Diocesan Mass

The CCD Annual Diocesan Mass will be held at 11:30am on Saturday 9 November 2019 at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, 23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara and we are pleased to announce that Bishop Anthony Randazzo will be presiding. Mass will be followed with light refreshments. We warmly invite all catechists of the Diocese, their families and friends to attend. Please RSVP to Sharon da Roza by Monday 4 November 2019
Phone: 8379 1638 or Email: ccdadmin@bbatholic.org.au

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

Pastoral Plan – Vision and Mission on Hospitality

Where are we with the Hospitality Plan?

The hospitality team will be sharing with you the work that has been happening behind the scenes on how we can build upon the hospitality culture we provide here at SJB. Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL through hospitality is for everyone and that includes those who do not attend our church. What will hospitality look like here at SJB? We are very excited with this new initiative and we ask for your prayers, your ideas, your gifts and your talents. If you have any questions please contact the Parish Office 4341 1073.