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The Baptism of the Lord 12 - 13 January 2019

The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our own baptism. There are many offices that people can hold in the Church. But all of these pale when compared to the basic gift to all: Baptism. When we stand before the throne of God, these other offices will be of no importance. Our dignity will depend on one thing only – the extent to which we have lived out our baptismal calling.

The ceremony of baptism is a beautiful one. In it we were formally given a name and welcomed into the family of God's people. Lovely prayers were said over us. Our body was signed with the sign of the cross, the mark of Christ's love for us. Water was poured over us. Water is a symbol of cleansing, and in baptism we are cleansed of sin. But it is more especially a symbol of life. In baptism we are given a share in the undying life of God.

Not once but twice our bodies were anointed with holy oil to give us strength for the inevitable struggle against evil. And, just as kings, prophets and priests were anointed with oil and thus marked out as God's ministers to the community, so we were anointed with the oil of chrism that we may be envoys of Christ in the world.

Our body was covered with a white garment, the outward sign of our Christian dignity. We were given a candle lighted from the Easter candle to signify the precious light of faith. God called us out of darkness into the wonderful light of his Son. What happened at the baptism of Jesus happened at our baptism too. God called us by name. He said to each of us, 'You are my beloved son; or ' You are my beloved daughter.' And the Spirit descended on us, in order to help us to live the life of a Christian and to participate in the mission of Jesus.

From a spiritual point of view, baptism is the greatest thing that can happen to us. To be baptised is to be christened, that is, to be made like Christ. But this doesn't happen automatically as a result of being baptised. One has to learn what it means to be a Christian, and to grow into it. This is the task of a lifetime. Toward the end of his life a saint was asked if he was a Christian, and he replied, 'not yet.'

There are many vocations in the Church. But the most important vocation of all is common to all the baptised. It is the vocation we received at baptism – the vocation to be disciples of Jesus. This is the core vocation. Every other vocation in the Church must be seen in relation to this one.

We celebrate birthdays lavishly. So we should celebrate our baptismal day, because this was the day we were born as children of God.

Every time we enter a church and sign ourselves with holy water we are reminding ourselves of our baptism, and committing ourselves to live up to it.

TO LIVE ONE'S BAPTISM IS TO LIVE AS A DISCIPLE OF JESUS.

In this new year let us grow even more conscious of the gift of Baptism given to us, and answer God's call to live as disciples of Jesus, in love, service and care of one another.

Blessings on all in this new year, 2019

Dean Peter

PARISH CALENDAR

13 January - Farewell to Fr Solomon after 9.30am Mass

13 January - No Mass at Briagolong

20 January - 10.30am Family Group morning tea at Portside

27 January 9.30am Mass - Feast of St Nino

LEAVING COLLECTION: This weekend 13 January we will have an opportunity to contribute to the leaving collection through which the parish will express its appreciation to Fr Solomon for his priestly gifts so generously shared these two years with us. He takes up his new appointment at Morwell Catholic Parish 18 January 2019.

THIS SUNDAY: 13 JANUARY, the 9.30am Cathedral Mass will be a farewell Mass led by Fr Solomon. To allow Dean Peter to be present, there will be no 9.30am Mass at Briagolong (very sorry for any inconvenience caused). Immediately following the Mass there will be a cuppa in the Cathedral in the adjoining gathering space where parishioners will gather around Fr Solomon for personal messages over a cuppa (Please bring a plate) Dean Peter will leave for mass at Seaspray following the Mass.

31 CLUB REMINDER 16 - 22 January. Please pray for vocations

PLENARY NEWS please check the noticeboard at the back of the Cathedral for Plenary News and updates.

FAMILY GROUP Coffee Morning tea to be held at Portside Food and Wine at the Wedge on **Sunday 20 January** after 9.30am Mass commencing at **10.30am**. Contact Mary on 5144 3836. New members welcome.

FLOWER ROSTER The new flower roster is available in the foyer of the Cathedral for collection by all volunteers.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP was established in 1972 in Sydney. The aim of the Family Group Movement is to build Christian community through the development of extended families.

With loneliness and isolation so prevalent in our society, there is a genuine need for people to know and support each other. Family Groups create an extended family atmosphere within the community and are open to everyone. Our focus is on people caring for, loving and accepting each other.

"Love one another as I have loved you"

Our Aims:

To get to know other members of the Parish

To support each other sharing each others joys and sorrows and so building the Christian community as in the early Church

To involve our children in our Christian sharing directly, if possible.

If not, then indirectly by our example

Parishioners are invited to come and join our Parish Family Groups who meet socially e.g. pizza night, coffee after mass, BBQ, breakfast. **Enquiries: Veronica & Keith 0455121949.**

MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

Mon 14 Jan - Neil Ross/ Liz Tabuteau

Tues 15 Jan - Bernadette Van Lier

Wed 16 Jan - Lorraine Callahan/ Maureen McLeod

Thurs 17 Jan - Mary & Les Jackson

Fri 18 Jan - Denise Wooding/Jenny Rebecchi

Thank you all for your help - Maureen McLeod, Co-ordinator.

STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS Ann Broberg is requesting that Parishioners please save their used stamps for Missions. Stamps can be left at the Piety Stall in the Cathedral. Ann can be contacted on 5144 6631.

Plenary Council Prayer

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.
O God, bless and unite all your people
in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way
of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face
in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion
on the road.*

*Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear
what you are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled
future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.
Amen.*

*Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.*

COUNTERS: 13 January: Team 8:

Lenie & Bill Smolenaars, Nick & Maree Centra

20 January: Team 1: Robert McKenzie, Mark Durrant, Lou Centra

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$1,822.00

Presbytery: \$1,119.30

Credit Cards: \$30.00

Direct Debits: \$824.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

SACRISTY: 17 January: Team 2: Emmy Van Berkel, Lana Nedelko

24 January: Team 3: Maree Centra, Angela Ronchi, Margaret Hickey, Huong Clancy

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office or with Veronica, phone 5144 4100. **ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament,** Friday after Mass 1130am—12.00noon **First Friday of the Month** 11.30am-4.00pm At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am—10.30am **RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday** 11.30am after Mass, **Saturday** After the 9.30am Mass—10.30am **Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening:** Before or after Mass or anytime by arrangement with the priest. **MARRIAGES:** Not less than six months notice please.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 12 Jan 9.30am: Jose Barrera (A)

Mon 14 Jan 9.30am: Brendan Hall (A)

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Mass Timetable this week
The Baptism of the Lord
12 - 13 January 2019

Day/Date	Time	Place
Sunday 13 January	9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Cathedral Seaspray Cathedral
Monday 14 January	9.30am	Cathedral
Tuesday 15 January	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 16 January	10.30am	Ashleigh House
Thursday 17 January	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 18 January	11.00am	Cathedral
Saturday 19 January <i>Reconciliation after 9.30am Mass</i>	9.30am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale

2019 Feast of the Sto Nino

The 9th Fiesta Gathering of the Filipino Community of the Sale and Districts in honour of Sto Nino (Holy Infant Jesus) will take place on Sunday January 27 at St Mary's Cathedral.

9.30am Mass
10.30am Morning Tea

Anyone with a Sto Nino statue is encouraged to bring it along.

Wearing of traditional costumes is encouraged. Everyone is invited to share a Filipino feast organised by the Bayanihan Circle and friends at the Cathedral Foyer after Mass.

You may bring a plate to share

Celebrant: Bishop Patrick O'Regan
Co-celebrant: Dean Peter Bickley
Choir: The Bayanihan Circle
(Filipino Choir)



PARISH PRAYER.

***God our loving Father, we give you thanks and
praise for our Cathedral Parish of Sale,
for your people and your Creation.
Nourish us by your daily Word and Eucharist.
Enrich us in our faith, hope and love.
Strengthen us with the spirit
of your mercy and grace.
Make us grateful for your gifts as we journey
through our lives together.
May we be a welcoming and serving community,
always discerning and doing your will for
one another.
We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord.***

We remember those who have died recently **Ed Carmody, Pat Hennessy**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Joseph (Joe) Flynn, Jose Barrera, Brendan Hall**. We pray for those who are sick **Fr Kevin Hennessy CP, Sr Lauraine Brice, Sr Margaret Rush and Maureen O'Kane**. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

Date: 20/01/2019	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
Saturday 5.30pm					
Sunday 9.30am	Please	offer	for all	roles at	all Masses
Sunday 6.00pm					



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11
'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent. (R.)

Above the rains you build your dwelling.

You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. (R.)

How many are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. (R.)

All of these look to you to give them their food in due season.

You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill. (R.)

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 3:15-16. 21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Cathedral: Friday after Mass from 11.30am - 12noon
1st Friday of each Month 11.30am - 4.00pm
RECONCILIATION: Cathedral - Saturdays
Following Mass: 10.00am to 10.30am



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READINGS NEXT WEEK
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
First Reading: **Isaiah 62:1-5**
Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 12:4-11**
Gospel: **John 2:1-11**

SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE
Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil
Saturday: Rosedale - 7:00pm Vigil
Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th)
Sunday: Cathedral - 9:30am
Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th)
Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st,3rd & 5th)
Sunday: Cathedral - 6.00pm

**NEW IN THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR?
NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO
UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?**
Please let us know we'd like to meet you! If you complete the form below, you could place it on the plate at Mass or hand it in to the Parish office. We'll hope to catch up soon.
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