

The Catholic Parish of Sacred Heart & St Columba

Our Parish is a Christian community which welcomes all to walk together in a spirit of compassion, justice and hope.

PARISH NEWSLETTER 11 / 12 January 2020 The Baptism of the Lord



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An exert from Catholic Daily Reflections on the Baptism of our Lord.

<https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/2019/01/12/the-baptism-of-the-lord/>

Today's Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist.

... It needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John... By accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth.

... The Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, "Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world. As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect, today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus... He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfill that mission in your own life. As we begin this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, may it be a time of extraordinary grace in which we daily heed the voice of Jesus.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have released a statement about the Catholic Church's plans for a national response to the bushfire crisis. One response will be a special collection on the Australia Day weekend. Copies of the statement are available at the back of church or at www.catholic.org.au. Copies of a letter from +Peter (released last weekend) are also available at the back of church. Let us do all we can to support those affected and those fighting so hard to manage this national emergency.

Parish arrangements for January 2020: Jane will be on leave next week and will return Tuesday 21 January. Fr John will be on leave next week also but will return for masses next weekend. Please contact Christine if any issues / pastoral needs.

Welcome to all who celebrate the Eucharist with us today, to the church communities across our parish and a special welcome to all who happen to be visiting our Parish.

Our Parish supports the endeavours of the Royal Commission to bring healing to and justice for the victims of abuse.

We acknowledge the Elders, families and forebears of the Boonwurrung and Wurundjeri tribes of the Kulin Nations, the tradition owners of the land, community, sea, and waters where we live and work. We pay our respect to elders past, present and future and value the contributions Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples make in our society. We acknowledge their continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading: Acts 10: 34-38

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-17

OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY 13 January - SUNDAY 19 January

TUESDAY	2pm No MASS Resumes Tuesday 21 January 2020
THURSDAY	11am MASS at Sacred Heart Church Presider: Fr Malcolm Crawford
FRIDAY	9am Mass will resume next week
SATURDAY	6pm MASS at St Columba Church
SUNDAY	9am MASS at St Columba Church 11am MASS at Sacred Heart Church <i>Gospel: John 1: 29-34</i>

COLLECTIONS:	23/24 & 30/31 Dec	4 / 5 Jan 2020
THANKSGIVING COLLECTION		
Envelopes	\$613.00	\$229.00
Loose cash	\$762.80	\$349.00
Total	\$1375.80	\$583.00
Total after 52 weeks	\$39548.45	\$583.00
Average	\$760.55	\$583.00
PRESBYTERY COLLECTION		
Envelopes	\$991.70	\$380.00
Total after 52 weeks	\$33149.10	\$380.00
Average	\$637.48	\$380.00

Check out our great new website: www.shscparish.org.au

Have you visited our website yet? Launched late last year our website is full of stories, pictures and plenty of information on what is happening around the Parish.

Tell your friends and family to pay us a visit and even comment on the many blog stories.

Also, check out the tithe.ly app which can manage all your financial support for our Parish.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

"Prayer is what keeps the faith, without it, faith wavers"

Pope Francis

All Recently Deceased: Pat Crofts, Tom Tesoriero (Dom's brother), Anna Debac (Liz Martinov's mother), Teh Kok Leong (Singapore)

1st Anniversaries: Dylan Anderson, Tracey Reynolds, Tibby Hart, Kate Mason.

Anniversaries: Sean Heraghty, Cynthia Pyster 3.1, Cecilia Opie, Daysi Fajardo, Adrian Smith, Ray Gill, Gladys Wheeler, Jane Robinson 13.1, Delsyia Fullinfaw 10.1, Rose Bell 14.1, Paulina Mejia Bonila 14.1, Llewellyn Wood, Susie Nolen 5.1, Loretta McCormick 24.1, Lee Ranahan, John Simington, Joseph Panettieri, John Weston, Mario DiMarzio, Billy Cannon, Gavin O'Leary, Vittorio (Vic) Di Muzio 9.1, Pauline McEvoy, Frances Tierney, Victor Chircop, Merlin Coles, Reg 'Maldon' Nicholson 21.1, Maria Terzita Canestra 7.1.72, Paula Nelson, Joseph Micallef, Joannie Lloyd, Mary Reagan, Miguel Marin 5.1.10, Anna Durack 13.1.2010, Antonio Russo 13.12.96, Rosario Russo 19.1.2010, Bernice Marten 3.1.07, Alberto JR Dos Santos, Julie O'Callaghan, Luciana Spring, Tracey Doherty, Leon Massoni, Margaret O'Keefe 12.1.2010, Nunziata Panettieri, Neily Murphy, Natie Mario Contino 18.1, Dominic Mizzi, Samantha Mizzi, Ruby Boulter, Rosaria Russo 19.1, Gaby Pozo, Ken Reynolds, Paul Reynolds, Danny Reynolds.

Sick: Ray Monagle, Raphy, Chris O'Connor, Francis Pititto, Bill Meirs, Sonia Gurwitz, Danny Ryan, Jackie Pyster, Philip Lloyd, Patricia Mizzi, Noel Stone, Laura Ramadge, Peter Jennings, Peter Wilde, Rachel Ward, Emma Kirkman, Des Lacey, Pauline Hammer, Sophie McGuigan, June Gallagher, Betty Kitchener, Anne Casley, Joseph Costin, John Parlo, Janet Fisher, Robert Mason, Brian Kennedy, Ghislaine O'Malley, Noreen Dempsey, Sarah O'Brien, Michael Ratliff,

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

18 / 19 JANUARY: 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St Columba Welcomes

6pm Mass:

M: Martin Ezeani, Boris Ulehla, Volunteer needed

C / L: Brigid Arthur, Lynda Ulehla

Set up: Lynda & Boris Ulehla

9am Mass:

M: Lou Bevilacqua, Maria Kovacevic, Celine / Martin Watine

C / L: Lina Tesoriero, Dominic Tesoriero

Set up: Adrian Bevilacqua

Altar & Cleaning: January: Volunteer needed

Sacred Heart Welcomes

11am Mass:

M: Sergio Torres Da Costa, Daniel O'Connor, Volunteer needed

C / L: Nancye Edwards, Anna Griffiths / Jim Finlayson

Set up: TBC

Prayers of the Faithful: Daniel O'Connor