



The Catholic Parish  
of Corinda Graceville

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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## The Pastor's Pen....

Each year Christmas Time concludes and Ordinary Time commences with the celebration of our Lord's Baptism, a feast that serves to remind us of our own new life in Christ through our baptism into Him. Having honoured Jesus' birth and all that followed His coming amongst us as one of us, we are now asked to focus on who we are in Him, who we are becoming, what we are called to do, and what is our identity and destiny.

What we know (or better how little we know) is that after his incarnation and the infancy stories Jesus vanished from the public gaze for close to 30 years. When He came back into public attention it was at the River Jordan and to John the Baptist who had been preparing His way. Jesus' Baptism was a powerful spiritual event as St. Mark's Gospel makes clear. On coming up from out of the water the heavens seemed to open and the Holy Spirit of God appeared to descend like a dove upon Him. Then a voice came from heaven saying; 'you are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you'. We're being informed that Jesus is unique and special and that He is the Beloved Son who enjoys God's favour.

Our baptism is into Jesus Christ, meaning that it is in and through Him that we have been reborn, becoming God's sons and daughters who now also enjoy the favour of God. It ought go without saying that all of this relies on our openness and responsiveness to the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives, the Spirit that helps us to live the life of Jesus Christ today. However, even if we don't live the life of Christ today, even if we shut out the action and inspiration of God's Spirit and choose selfish sin, nevertheless we always remain as part of God's family. God never withdraws or revokes God's gift and choice. Only we can limit, diminish or even sunder ourselves away from the Son and His family.

Better then to focus ourselves on the gift God gives, the power and energy God offers to us, and how we can engage ourselves with this Christ-life. Fundamentally we do so by living our vocation, by being Christians in our families, our homes, learning places, workplaces, neighbourhood and communities. This is all about putting Christian values and attitudes into action, or as we commonly say, it's about practicing our faith in our daily living. This means engaging with others in ways that press us to live as Christ would, perceiving, thinking and acting as He wants and as His Spirit leads.

Our new and lasting Baptismal identity is to be God's children, the sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ. Our destiny, too, is bound up in His; to become like Him in God for all eternity. The way this comes into being is the way Jesus lived, the way of generous unselfish loving which is the very life of God. We are the skin that God is in, the life of God is enfleshed today in me and you. Our service is a true ministry because our lives become an act of self offering for others and to God. This is what we offer every day to God.

Our self-giving takes symbolic/sacramental form in the celebration of each Eucharist when we offer ourselves to God the Father in Christ in the form of bread and wine. Bread and wine are of no use to God, but we are. Bread and wine is of use to us because it is food and drink for our life which through the action of the Holy Spirit and in faith becomes a privileged means for God to communicate Christ's life to us. This sacramental gift expresses, nourishes and sustains our baptismal new life. It assists us in living the Christ-life today towards the future God desires to unfold for us all.

Pope Francis has asked us to dedicate this year to the special attention and care of St. Joseph. I mentioned this at our New Year's Day Mass. The Pope has written the following prayer which we will keep in our newsletter to pray at home and at times as a Parish.

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

*To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust;*

*with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.*

*Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Finally, my sincere thanks to all who took time to show me (and my Mum) your support and care over Christmas and my recent birthday. Your kindness means much to me and it is greatly appreciated. Thank you. *Fr. Mark Percival, MA, PP.*



Please go to the parish website or contact the office to book to attend weekend or weekday Masses.

### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday	5.30 pm	St Joseph's
Sunday	8.00 am	St Joseph's
	9.30 am	Christ the King
	6.00 pm	Christ the King

### WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Wednesday	9.00 am	St Joseph's – Mass
Thursday	9.00 am	St Joseph's – Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Christ the King – Mass

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 4.30 pm – 5.00 pm St Joseph's

Other times by appointment.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism for Children is celebrated by appointment on the following Sundays of the month

2nd Sunday	11.00 am	St Joseph's
4th Sunday	11.00 am	Christ the King

All enquiries to the Parish Office

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Printed so that users may live daily in the spirit of the Prayer of the Church)

#### CHRISTMAS TIME

SUN, 10 JAN The BAPTISM of the LORD - *Feast*  
(Conclusion of Christmas Time)  
Is 55:1-11; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

#### FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

MON, 11 JAN Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20  
TUE, 12 JAN Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28  
WED, 13 JAN St Hilary, bishop, doctor of the church  
- *Optional Memorial*  
Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

THU, 14 JAN Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45  
FRI, 15 JAN Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12  
SAT, 16 JAN Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

#### SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 17 JAN 2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME  
1 Sam 3:3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20;  
Jn 1:35-42

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## Holy Cross Funerals

We pray for the good health, strength and healing of: Fraser Ainsworth, Maureen Atkins, Ron Atkins, Fleur Bennell, Alannah berman, Alan Carr, Jairo Cifuentes, Beryl Clark, George Cole, Tony Condon, Lina Daddow, Robyn Dodd, Emilia Dow, Trevor Fanton, Chris Ferguson, Carol Finchman, Jack Gabler, Fr Gianni ofm, Rudolf Giebels, Nash Giles, Gerard Gillespie, Philomena Green, Kendall Hammond, Pam Harding, Charlie Hardy, Myrna Healy, Clare Hickey, Ned Hiller, Michael Hogan, Cedric Holland, Anne-Marie Hollier, Margaret Holynski, Mark Inman, Monica Lampe, Jennifer Lees, Alistair Lees, The Lip Family, Anthony Lupi, Derek MacLean, Gordon McCormack, Neil McCormack, Warwick McEvoy, Colin McLeod, Maureen McNamara, Margaret Mealey, Damien Mollard, Fr Ron Mollison, Adam Morrison, Monica Morrison, Joyce O'Brien, Taavi Orupold, Emma Parer, Emily Perrin, Rebecca Pullin, Dawn Punter, Sr Bernadetta Robinson Olsh, Mary Shand, Geraldine Slatworthy, Lea Tate, Sr Cyrian Thureson pbvm, Philomena Van Brunschett, Paul Vickers, Rebecca Wallace, Genevieve Waters, Margaret White, Roseen Wode, Frank Zubeldia, & all suffering from COVID-19. We pray for all parishioners living in aged care.

May the recently deceased rest in peace: Caterina Randazzo, Maria Smargiassi, Anne-Marie Deschamps, Judith Musgrave, Sr Teresita Ahearn pbvm

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: John Ahearn, Evelyn Dangerfield, Bridget Carmody, Bradley Warbrooke, Mary Martin, Eva McCormack, Elsie Trenear, Ernie Thorpe, Brian Hauff, Noni Darch, Valma Cowie

### HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

#### GATHERING: "COME TO THE WATER"

*Refrain:* Come to the water! You who are thirsty!  
Though you have nothing, I bid you come!  
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer!  
Come! Listen! Live!

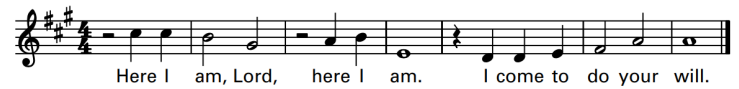
1. Why spend your money on what cannot fill  
the emptiness deep in your heart?  
Listen to My word and you will enjoy:  
goodness and peace in your heart! (*Refrain*)

2. Just as the heavens are high above earth;  
my ways and thoughts beyond you!  
Call me your Father and know I am near!  
I will be Father to you! (*Refrain*)

3. Just as the rain falls to water the earth;  
just as the seed becomes bread,  
my word upon you can never return  
until my longing is filled! (*Refrain*)



#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: "PSALM 40: HERE I AM"



#### COMMUNION: "TABLE OF PLENTY"

*Refrain:* Come to the feast of heaven and earth!  
Come to the table of plenty!  
God will provide for all that we need,  
here at the table of plenty.

#### SENDING FORTH: "GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD"

*Refrain:* Glory and praise to our God,  
who alone gives light to our days.  
Many are the blessings he bears  
to those who trust in his ways.



1. We, the daughters and sons of him  
who built the valleys and plains,  
praise the wonders our God has done  
in ev'ry heart that sings. (*Refrain*)

4. God has watered our barren land  
and spent his merciful rain.  
Now the rivers of life run full  
for anyone to drink. (*Refrain*)

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#### Petition to State Parliament - the "Care First" approach works best:

As you may be aware, Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) legislation will come before parliament in mid-2021. This is a complex life ethics issue and requires action from those who support palliative care and accompanying the sick and vulnerable as the more compassionate way of caring for the terminally ill. There are still options for those who are opposed to euthanasia/assisted suicide and adding your voice to the following petition is one of them. The Catholic position on VAD, is that: we support better funding of palliative care instead of legislating VAD

Faced with a new parliament hosting many first time members, it's wise to follow due legislative process and allow a proper parliamentary committee scrutiny of the new draft legislation. Sign the e-petition page at: <https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/petition-details?id=3449>