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**The Baptism of the Lord****Year A****11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2020**

**Support those affected by bushfires**  
[catholic.org.au/bushfires](http://catholic.org.au/bushfires)

**Catholic Church plans national response to bushfire crisis**  
**STATEMENT FROM CONFERENCE PRESIDENT ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE**

Australia is facing an unprecedented calamity as fire engulfs the land in many places. We have all seen the apocalyptic images, even if we are not in the areas most affected. Lives have been lost, homes and towns have been destroyed, smoke has shrouded large swathes of our country.

And there is no end in sight to the horror which confronts us with our powerlessness before the devastating force of nature.

The efforts of firefighters have been heroic. The resilience of the communities affected has been extraordinary. This has been Australia at its best, and we all stand with those who have been most stricken and with those who are putting their lives on the line to fight the fires.

But we need more than words. Expressions of solidarity are important, but they are not enough.

The bishops are aware of the huge amount being done around the nation, led by governments and first responders. Many local faith communities, including Catholic parishes and organisations, as well as ecumenical and inter-religious coalitions, are also making a big contribution.

While the bishops typically respond to challenges at a parish or diocesan level, the scale of this crisis requires a national response from the whole Church to complement and coordinate what is happening locally.

From the Bishops Conference, that national response includes:

- The facilitation of a national network connecting people affected by the bushfires with people who can help with tasks such as preparing meals, clearing properties, rebuilding communities, as well as pastoral and counselling support.
- The distribution of special prayers and other resources for use in parishes, families and other Catholic communities.
- Collaboration with key national agencies like Catholic Health Australia, Catholic Social Services Australia, the National Catholic Education Commission and the St Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) to ensure as effective a response as possible from the wider Catholic community.

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**Readings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

## **WE REMEMBER**

We remember George Zangerle, Gail Mustey, Michael Nott and all those who have lost their lives due to the bushfires. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

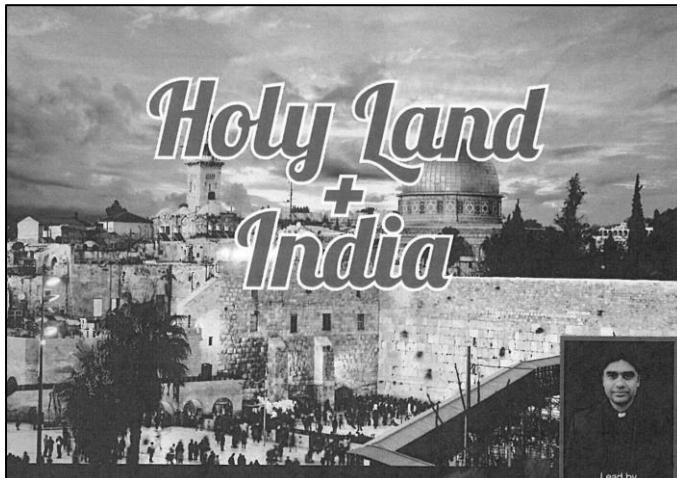
## **PARISH HAPPENINGS**

### **COUNTERS**

Tony's team.

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm in the Parish Centre.



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## **Parish Diary**

### **Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 8:00am

St Joachim's

### **Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

Benediction 5:30pm

Mass 6:00pm

### **Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes'

### **Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 9:00am

St Joachim's

### **Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

## **2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

### **Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim's

### **Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 7:30am

St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes

The **SACRAMENTALITY OF THE WORD** can be understood by analogy with the real presence of Christ under the appearances of the consecrated bread and wine. By approaching the altar and partaking in the Eucharistic banquet we truly share in the body and blood of Christ. The proclamation of God's word at the celebration entails an acknowledgment that Christ himself is present, that he speaks to us, and that he wishes to be heard. Saint Jerome speaks of the way we ought to approach both the Eucharist and the word of God: 'We are reading the sacred Scriptures. For me, the Gospel is the Body of Christ; for me, the holy Scriptures are his teaching. And when he says: *whoever does not eat my flesh and drink my blood* (Jn 6:53), even though these words can also be understood of the Eucharist, Christ's body and blood are really the word of Scripture, God's teaching. When we approach the Eucharist, if a crumb falls to the ground we are troubled. Yet when we are listening to the word of God, and God's Word and Christ's flesh and blood are being poured into our ears we pay no heed, what great peril should we not feel?" Christ, truly present under the species of bread and wine, is analogously present in the word proclaimed in the liturgy. *Verbum Domini* (2010) 56

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- Cooperating with Catholic Religious Australia and religious institutes and their ministries.
- Parishes across the country taking up a special collection at Masses on the Australia Day weekend, with all funds to be donated to Vinnies' bushfire appeal.

Vinnies is responding in all affected states and territories. Its network of local conferences and support services has seen them rapidly respond throughout the nation as the fire crisis has spread.

As well as donations at Masses on Australia Day weekend, people are encouraged to support the immediate response and the ongoing work of Vinnies in your state or throughout bushfire-affected communities by donating here.

Our experts on the ground – from agencies like Vinnies, CatholicCare and CentaCare, in parishes and other Catholic communities, including Catholic hospitals and aged care providers – know this will be a long-term process to help people and whole towns rebuild.

With broad and deep roots across the nation, the Church stands ready to walk alongside people throughout their journey of recovery.

Facing this exceptional crisis, we renew our call for insistent prayer for those stricken by drought and fire, for those who have lost their lives in the fires and their families, for rain to quench the parched land and extinguish the fires, and for urgent action to care for our common home in order to prevent such calamities in the future.

A genuinely Catholic response to a crisis of this magnitude must draw strength from prayer which inspires concrete and compassionate action.

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## FROM AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### CATHEDRAL GUIDES & WELCOMERS

Cathedral Guides & Welcomers invite you to an information session on **Thursday 6 February 2020 at 10.30am** to discover the delights of volunteering with the Cathedral Guides & Welcomers. The meeting will be held in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre.

If you enjoy meeting people; love your Cathedral and revel in good art and juicy history, the rewards of becoming a volunteer with the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers is beyond measure. A comprehensive training program is offered.

If this ministry appeals to you, please contact the Cathedral on 3324 3030 or email [deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au), by Friday 24 January 2020.

### CARE FOR OUR COMMON WORLD LIVING LAUDATO SI.....THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY

*"The earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone."* (Pope Francis, Laudato Si, Ch 2) You are invited to share in this Community Forum on Saturday February 15th 2020 from 9.00am-1.45pm at Our Lady Queen of Apostles, 70 Appleby Rd, Stafford. We are called to learn, to understand, to reflect and to act upon the wisdoms of Pope Francis as he challenges all people of good will to make an 'ecological conversion'. At the community forum we will look at the message within Laudato Si, engage with guest speakers from government, non-government and Christian organisations, exchange ideas and grow in knowledge, so that we are better equipped to care for our Common Home. Expressions of Interest: Please Contact Stafford Parish Office by email: [stafford@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stafford@bne.catholic.net.au) or by calling 07 3356 7155

### THE CATHOLIC LEADER

- Priests working in bushfire-ravaged districts of NSW and Vic spoke of the "generosity of spirit"
- Marian Valley is set to open the Blessed Peter To Rot shrine and about 80 Papua New Guinea Catholics will join the local PNG Catholic Community for the occasion.
- The ACBC launched a national Church response to address the bushfire crisis, including a special collection on Australia Day
- Brisbane Catholics remembered Fr Joseph Flannery as a great pastor and dear friend following his death late last year
- St Patrick's Blackall has welcomed a group of city folk as "almost family" after years of donations and hard work
- Rochedale PP Fr Baiyi Gong and his parishioners have been doing the saints' work, extending Jesus Christ's love into neighbouring religious communities
- Missionary Sister Anna Pigozzo encountered the poor in Papua New Guinea and could not believe the conditions she found
- Ian Bonaccorso wrote of Stanthorpe's first PP and uncovered a man who changed the tastebuds of the Granite Belt



The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledges the Jagera people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep and spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to an ongoing journey of Reconciliation.



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