



# Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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## The Baptism of the Lord

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9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> January, 2021

### MY FAVOUR RESTS ON YOU

One of my joys in the priestly ministry is to administer baptism to the children. Before the baptism I meet with their parents and ask them "why do you bring your child for baptism?" They have great answers such as we grew up as Catholics so we need it for our child, we want them to grow in the faith of the Lord, we want to keep our tradition and to pass it to next generation, etc.

For Catholics and Christians, the term "baptism" calls to mind the Sacrament of Initiation of the same name. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism, we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word (CCC, 1213)."

In the Catholic Church, Baptism is administered by the ritual pouring on or immersion in water of the one to be baptized accompanied by the words, "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" at the hands of a deputized Catholic priest, deacon or, in special circumstances, a lay person.

That is not what happened to Jesus in the Jordan River. On that occasion, "baptism" meant something different. First of all, Jesus did not need Baptism. As God, he was sinless and, therefore, had no need to be forgiven or "freed from sin." Likewise, he did not have to be "made" a sharer in the Church's mission. He was its author. So, what was John's "baptism?"

The Catechism explains: Jesus "begins his public life after having himself baptized by St. John the Baptist in the Jordan. ... Our Lord voluntarily submitted himself to the baptism of St. John, intended for sinners, in order to 'fulfil all righteousness.' Jesus' gesture is a manifestation of his self-emptying.

When Jesus emerged from the Jordan, God's voice was heard identifying him as "my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased. His Baptism would be the second "manifestation" of his identity as Messiah in the Christmas story, a prelude to the mission and ministry that would follow.

I believe that Jesus' baptism reminds us also of our mission to experience the presence of God within us, to acknowledge our own dignity as God's children, and to appreciate the Divine Presence in others by honouring them, loving them and serving them in all humility. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is the end of the Church's liturgical season of Christmas, but the mysteries of Christ's life, death and resurrection that constitute our own Baptism in the Church continue to unfold.

Many blessings

Fr Joson

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

1 Samuel 3<sup>rd</sup> 3-10, 19

1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

John 1:35-42

## READINGS FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-11

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come!  
Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk.  
Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy?  
Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy.  
Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live.  
With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.  
See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations.  
See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.  
Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.  
Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.  
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,  
to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.  
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Response:** You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.  
Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name.

Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

### Second Reading

1 John 5:1-9

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God;  
and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child that he begets.  
We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;  
this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments;  
and his commandments are not difficult,  
because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world;  
this is the victory over the world - our faith.  
Who can overcome the world?  
Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.  
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only,  
but with water and blood;  
with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth -  
so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood,  
and all three of them agree.  
We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater,  
and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

### Gospel

Mark 1:7-11

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

## Parish Diary

**Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

Mass Cancelled

**Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes'

**Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes'

**Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 9:00am

St Joachim's

**Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

Baptism 10:00am

St Joachim's

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim's

**Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 7:30am

St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK IN**



As we enter 2021 let us reflect on these words from Pope Francis. He said, "Catholics can change the world for the better by being "bearers of gratitude" amid the hopelessness and despair that people felt in 2020.

"Let us not forget to thank: if we are bearers of gratitude, the world itself will be become better, even if only a little bit, but that is enough to transmit.

Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges.

## Cancellation of Weekend Masses

With the mandatory lockdown in place for the next 3 days all weekend masses across the archdiocese have been cancelled. As was the case last year you are able to livestream masses or watch on television. I have included the link below for the St Stephen's Cathedral mass and the weekly 2 minute homily.

### LIVESTREAMING OF MASSES FROM ST STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL

Saturday at 11:30AM, Sunday at 8AM and 10AM, and Monday at 8AM and can be found on [www.brisbanecatholic.org.au](http://www.brisbanecatholic.org.au)

### MASS ON TV – CHANNEL 10

Mass for You at Home - Sunday at 6:00am.

### TWO MINUTE HOMILY

Each week there is a 2 Minute Homily, presented by one of our archdiocesan priests: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/>

## Thank You from Fr Jason

I would like to extend my thanks to those who assisted with our Christmas Masses. From all liturgical ministers to musicians, marshals to cleaners, thank you to each and every one of you. Our volunteers are an integral part of our parish team and, as always, your willingness to assist was truly appreciated. I wish you and your families a happy New Year and best wishes for 2021.

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

In line with the government guidelines and advice from the Archdiocese the Parish Office will be closed on Monday. For emergencies please ring the pager service on 3834 8507.

### WE REMEMBER

We remember Maria (Mary) Russo and George Zangerle. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

### COUNTERS

Alison's team

### SUPPORT OF OUR PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

We would like to thank you for your continued support of the Parish during these difficult times. Planned Giving can be arranged through Direct Debit, Credit Card, Parish Giving App, Direct Deposit to the parish account and by Envelopes. If you would like to contribute by internet banking our details are: BSB: 064 – 786; A/c No: 3314 91100; A/c Name: Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish. The Parish Giving app has been set up specifically for parishioners to be electronically connected to their parish for regular and one off giving. Download the app at: <https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/auth/login>

### MESSAGE OF THANKS

Carol Zangerle would like to express her thanks to all who attended the mass and the lunch which followed & those who were unable to attend but were with her in spirit & love on the first anniversary of George's death.

### POSITION VACANT – YOUTH COORDINATOR

Applications are open for the above position at the Sunnybank Parish. The position is a part-time 20-hour role. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

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### 6 DAY TOUR OF LIGHTNING RIDGE – APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> = 16<sup>TH</sup>

This tour has been arranged by Tony Toohey, for retirees and their friends and there is room for either you and/or your friends to join them. Tony has used Aldinga Tours several times previously and found them to be excellent providers. The price is \$1780 per person twin share and the single supplement is \$250. A non-refundable deposit of \$100pp is required by 25/1/21 with the balance by 5/3/21. Should you be interested, please contact Tony on 3349 4308 or email [aajtuy@optusnet.com.au](mailto:aajtuy@optusnet.com.au) to answer any queries, you may have and to obtain a copy of the itinerary.

## Weekend Masses

The following process for booking of mass attendance will continue for all masses until otherwise notified. If you turn up for mass and the allowed number has been reached you will not be permitted to enter the church.

**WEEKEND MASSES** - Bookings close at 4:00pm on Fridays All you need to do is click on your preferred venue:

St Joachim's Masses – <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVCV>

St Agnes' Masses – <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVFE>

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2. Choose Mass, press **Select**
3. Choose Section you wish to sit in, press **Select**
4. Add tickets required, press **Next**
5. Fill our details for each person attending, complete **all** fields, press **Next**
6. Complete Booking details, this must be completed to finalise booking, press **Purchase**
7. If your booking is successful you will receive an email within a few minutes.

**NB:** Bookings for weekday masses are no longer require. You will however still need to sign in with a contact phone number when you arrive.





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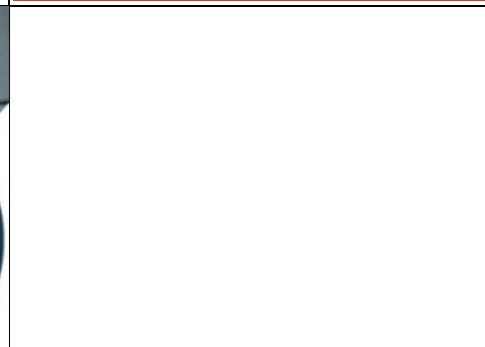
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