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### *Parish Masses This Week*

Monday	13 January	No Mass				Weekday, Ordinary Time 1
Tuesday	14 January	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 1
Wednesday	15 January	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 1
Thursday	16 January	Mass	9:15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 1
Friday	17 January	Mass	9:15am			St Anthony, abbott
Saturday	18 January	Mass	5:00pm			Weekday, Ordinary Time 1
Sunday	19 January	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5:30pm	2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

### *Please Remember in your Prayers*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Ina Evans (died 24 December—longtime parishioner of Holy Name), William (Bill) Hayward (died 10 December aged 73, father of Sarah, Tom, Lucy, Emily, Claire and Mollie), Gloria Candotti (Mother, mother-in-law and grandmother to Dan, Sandi, Mattia and Luca, died 7 December).

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Patricia McGrath (2nd anniversary, 17 January), wife of John, mother to Catherine, Julie, Lynette, Anthony, Sean and David), Muriel Molnar (9th anniversary, 21 January), Helene Babski (aunt of Monica Caly, 2nd anniversary 21 January), Joan Clarke (7th anniversary, 22 January), Patricia (Pat) Lynch, 8th anniversary, 23 January), Toufic Kassis (brother of John, 5th anniversary 20 January), Joseph El-Daher (Denise Kassis' brother, 64th anniversary on 21 January, Cheble El-Daher (father of Denise Kassis - 38th anniversary on 23 January), Sylvester 'Ves' McGrath (3rd anniversary 26 January, father of Dominic, Damien and Justin), Eileen Goldstein (mother of Pam Gallagher, anniversary on 29 January), Damion (Sri Wijetunga's brother, 55th anniversary, 31st January), Aaron Iori (12th anniversary 1st January), Joseph Sydney McElhenny (6th anniversary 3 January), Elisha Foti - 12th anniversary on 4 January), Michael Phoebus (3rd anniversary, 6 January) Tim O'Brien (son of Paul and Jenny, 9th anniversary on 8 January), Carl Shannon (31st anniversary 8 January).

**December:** Norma Robson (10th anniversary 24 December, beloved wife of Dennis and much loved mother of Susan, Julia, Anthony, Jeremy, Jane and Beth), Hilda May Cutler (Grandmother of Jennifer Gregory, 55th anniversary on 24 December), Paul Hunter (father of Julie Levins, 4th anniversary on 24 December), Margaret Couch (Paul's Mum—7th anniversary, 25 December), Mario Severino (19th anniversary on 26 December), Tony Planas (husband of Rose, 24th anniversary on 28 December), Caterina Randazzo (Bishop Anthony's mother, 4th anniversary 29 December), Ingrid Tighe (39th anniversary on 29 December), Phyllis Wijundsera, (Charles mother, 4th anniversary 31 December), Marceli and Agnes Pochyly (relatives of Cecylia Ramsden).

**FOR THE SICK:** Neville Bownern (friend of Megan Khannah), Megan Khannah, Bernard Tighe (brother of Mike Tighe), Rose Planas, Yvonne Malouf (mother of Joanne Klostermann), Gabrielle Flood (Gemma Couch's Mum), Philip Clump, Sienna McGrath (Dominic McGrath's niece and Reg Gibbons great-niece), Noeline Mannix, Gemma McDermott, Tina Northcott, Mike Tighe, Mark Vinson Vallarta, Margaret Du Moulin (Edwina Potiris' mum, friend of Dominic McGrath), Conor and Leila McCreton, Margaret MacMillan, Jonathan Tighe (nephew of Caroline Montouro), Will Green (aged 11yrs, friend of the Madden family), baby Joseph Akkary (great great nephew of Denise Kassis), Henry Alan Field (4yrs—grandchild of dear friend of Cecilia Kean), Judy Ford (sister in law of Irene King), Pam Gallagher, Geoff Deacon (brother-in-law of Irene King), Greg McNally, John Clark, Emma Vassallo (Granddaughter of Will Hayward), Alyssa Kent, Ted Hook (Antonina's husband), Joe Pulis, Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister).

## *The Baptism of the Lord* *Sunday 12 January*

**Today's Gospel** tells of Jesus' Baptism in the River Jordan. Jesus did not need Baptism. John's baptism was part of the people's turning from sin and turning toward God. Jesus wanted to identify with this turning, this repentance, this change of heart.

At Jesus' baptism, the Father declares: "You are my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on you." (Luke 3:22) The Father says that to each of the baptised: "you are my beloved child."



Recalling the Lord's Baptism provides us an opportunity to reflect on our own baptism.

Pope Francis has encouraged us to know the date of our own Baptism, celebrate it and embrace its importance. (Pope Francis, General Audience, Catechesis on Baptism, 8 January 2014) Pope Paul VI was once asked by a journalist "what was the most important day of your life?" to which he answered "the day of my Baptism".

When Pope John Paul II visited the Church he had known as a boy, what did he do when he got there? He went straight to the baptismal font, knelt, and kissed it. Why? Because the now St. John Paul knew that the most important day of his life was the day of his baptism: not the day he was ordained a priest, or consecrated a bishop, or elected pope. The day of his baptism was, literally, the font from which everything else in his life flowed. (George Weigel, *Witness to Hope*, Vol 1)

Bishop Anthony has encouraged us to fully appreciate the Sacrament of Baptism (Note: Jesus Christ, our beginning and end, Pastoral Letter, Chapter 3, 2020). Baptism should never be dismissed as some quaint, old-fashioned ritual or rite-of-passage with little meaning for us.

Many know the visible signs of baptism – pouring of water, using holy oils, lighting a candle, wearing a white garment etc. – but, more importantly, what are the spiritual effects the Sacrament will have on the soul of the baptised?

- ◇ We receive divine life – that is, we become a child of God.
- ◇ We become members of God's family, the Church.
- ◇ Baptism removes original sin, yet "certain temporal consequences of sin remain in the baptised, such as suffering, illness, death and such frailties inherent in life such as weakness of character, and so on, as well as an inclination to sin." (CCC n1264)
- ◇ We become the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.
- ◇ We receive the gift of faith.

Fr Paul Philibert OP States: "we should never let the waters of baptism dry from us." [Paul Philibert, *Priesthood of the Faithful: Key to a living church* (Liturgical Press, 2010)]. Let us always be aware of the waters of our own Baptism.

By our Baptism we are immersed into the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. In the waters of Baptism, we die with Christ in order that we rise with Christ. As St Paul states:

"Don't you know that all who share in Christ Jesus by being baptised also share in his death? When we were baptised, we died and were buried with Christ. We were baptised, so that we would live a new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father. If we shared in Jesus' death by being baptised, we will be raised to life with him." (St Paul to the Romans, Ch. 6)

Let us be mindful that we at Holy Name are a community of the baptised, and let's embrace our identity as one "baptised in Christ", a beloved child of God.

**Parish Office Hours into January:** The office is closed until Wednesday 15 January. The answering machine will be checked regularly so please feel free to leave a message on 9489 3221 or email [Holynome@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Holynome@bbcatholic.org.au) During this time, Masses will be celebrated regularly, Sacraments available and a Priest on duty.