

***“Allow it now, for thus
it is fitting for us to
fulfill all
righteousness.”***



Holy Name Catholic Parish

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

35 Billyard Avenue Wahroonga 2076



9th January—The BAPTISM of the LORD

The Baptism of the Lord from Fr Paul

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.

Fr Paul

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	10 January	No Mass				Weekday, Ordinary Time 1
Tuesday	11 January	Mass	9.15am			Weekday
Wednesday	12 January	Mass	9.15am			Weekday
Thursday	13 January	Mass	9.15am			Weekday
Friday	14 January	Mass	9.15am			Weekday
Saturday	15 January	Mass	5.00pm			Weekday
Sunday	16 January	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5.30pm	2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY Time

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Marie Brady (aunt of Jane Geier (O'Donnell) died 18th December), Dr Narlin Singh (husband of Maria, died 18 December), Bruce Smith (father of Mandy York) died in South Africa, 10 December, Denese O'Brien (died 3 December, mother and mother-in-law to Paul & Jenny, Jenny & John and Marianne and grandmother to Julia, Tim, Dominic, Madeleine and Brendan), Graham Baguley (uncle of Jo Toomey, died in UK), Margaret Sandral (mother in law of Joanne Rolleston died 30 November), Catherine Jones (friend of family of Fiona Vierboom, died on 27th November in Ireland), Bill McPhillips (brother & brother-in-law of Jennifer and Barry Clibborn, died 17 November, aged 82 yrs) John Fleming (friend of Patrick Kirkwood, died 11 November), Francisca Aloysious (Beloved grandmother of Janson Francis and Julitta Ponniah, great grandmother of Ivana, Jaron, Annah and Amy, and dear aunt of Ida Joseph, died in Columbia on 7 November, aged 93 yrs), Jim Dibben (father and father-in-law to Kerri & Mark Donovan and grandfather to Justin, Christian and Matthew, died 9 November), Brian Ritchard (died 6 November).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Tim O'Brien (son of Jenny and Paul, brother of Julia, 6th anniversary, 8 January), Aaron Iori (9th anniversary on 1 January), Joseph Sydney McElhenny (3rd anniversary 3 January), Elisha Foti - 9th anniversary on 4 January), Sylvia Arnett (mother of Max, 2nd anniversary 6 January), Lucy Machado (mother of Tony, 20th anniversary 13 January), Mario Severino (son of Sam and Elizabeth, 16th anniversary on 26 December), Paul Hunter (father of Julie Levins, 1st anniversary on 24 December), Margaret Couch (mother of Paul, 4th anniversary on 25 December), Tony Planas (husband of Rose, 21st anniversary on 28 December), Phyllis Wijundsera, (Charles mother, 1st anniversary 31 December), Caterina Randazzo (Bishop Anthony's mother, 1st anniversary 29 December), Ingrid Tighe (36th anniversary on 29 December), Joseph Sydney McElhenny (3rd anniversary 3 January), Elisha Foti - 9th anniversary on 4 January), Hilda May Cutler (grandmother of Jennifer Gregory—52nd anniversary on 24 December), Alois Babsky (uncle of Monica Caly, 1st anniversary on 16 December).

FOR THE SICK:

Max Arnett, Cyril Littrich, Greg McNally, John Clark, John Fisher, John Lyons (son-in-law of Halina Brzowzski), Peter Brassil (great friend of Helen and Bill Tysoe), Paul Hotchkis (husband of Jane, brother in law of Paul and Gemma Couch), Trisha Lawrence, Ves McGrath, Sinead Joyce (friend of Dot & Mike Tighe), Kathleen Le Gras (Sister of Brian McGarry), Tina Northcott, Emma Vassallo (Granddaughter of Will Hayward), Peter Higgins (son of Norma), Dawn Phillips (Lynne Attard's Mum), Ina Evans, Alyssa Kent, David Walker (Bishop Emeritus of Broken Bay), Ted Hook (Antonina's husband), Gerard Vince (brother of Cecilia Kean), Kevin Brown (brother-in-law of Halina and David Brett in England), Joe Pulis, Patricia McGrath, Helen Dunning (niece of Leila McCreton), June Lynch (sister in law of Rosalie Talty), Edda Fragiacom, Maurice Aliprandi (father of Erica Bayldon), Conor McCreton, Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Anne Carney, Richard Connolly (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Walter Sutcliffe, Isla Fisher, Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister), David Waldron (son of Jo and Frank), Chris Le Gras, Judith Hodson, Dennis Morgan, Susie Dunning (sister of Leila McCreton), Gloria Boswell, John McGarry, Freya Carney, Fr Michael Fallon msc (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Steve Ralph, Hildegard McLaughlin, Doris Buzinskas, Christopher Anderson, Jim Clayton (Fran's father-in-law), Madeleine Ryan, Gabrielle Flood, Grant Jepson, Noeline Mannix, Madeleine Reicher (granddaughter of Patricia Cox), Thomas Nash, Ross Truda, Frances Hall, Anne Sutcliffe (Walter's wife), Lillian Whitty, Mary Gibbs, Chad Walkaden, Noelene Burke, Martin McCreton (brother and brother in law of Conor and Leila McCreton), Margaret Hayes, baby Kendal, Reginald Broderick, Michael Walsh, Caoimhe Browne, Murray Howe, George Dunne.

Please let the Parish Office know if you would like anyone added or removed from our list of Prayers for the Recently Deceased, Anniversaries and the Sick.

What does the Word of God say to us today?

First Reading (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11). The people are urged to prepare a way for the Lord who is coming to save them.

Second Reading (Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7). God's grace and love are manifested in Jesus Christ.

Gospel (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22). We hear a small sample of the preaching of John the Baptist, and are given a brief account of the baptism of Jesus.

In the First Reading, Isaiah the prophet assures the exiles in Babylon that God is coming to save them. The prophecy was fulfilled in the return from exile, but more especially in the coming of Jesus.

Baptism was a defining moment in the life of Jesus - it marked the beginning of his public mission. Luke always presents Jesus as praying before making major decisions. It's no surprise then that we find him praying during his baptism. In response to his prayer, the Holy Spirit descends on him in bodily form at the beginning of his mission, just as it will come in visible form on the apostles at Pentecost at the beginning of their mission. The Father declares: "This is my son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."



Reflection/Quote of the Week

"Many of us have no memory of the celebration of this Sacrament (Baptism), and it is obvious why, if we were baptised soon after birth. Who among you knows the date of your Baptism? It is important to know the day on which I was immersed in that current of Jesus' salvation.

I will allow myself to give you a task for today.

Today, at home, go look, ask about the date of your Baptism and that way you will keep in mind that most beautiful day of Baptism. To know the date of our Baptism is to know a blessed day. The danger of not knowing is that we can lose awareness of what the Lord has done in us, the memory of the gift we have received.

We must reawaken the memory of our Baptism. We are called to live out our Baptism every day as the present reality of our lives. If we manage to follow Jesus and to remain in the Church, despite our limitations and with our weaknesses and our sins, it is precisely in the Sacrament whereby we have become new creatures and have been clothed in Christ."

(Pope Francis, General Audience, Catechesis on Baptism, 8 January 2014)



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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am and 5.30pm

and 7.30pm at Loreto College Normanhurst during school terms

Mass on Tuesday to Friday: 9.15am

8.00am— 8.30am *Silent Prayer*

8.30am— 8.45am *Morning Prayer of the Church*

8.45am— 9.00am *Rosary*

Rosary after Mass on Tuesday

Special Intercessions/intentions remembered at Friday Mass.

Friday evening: Holy Hour from 7.00pm (Suspended)

Mass is also celebrated :

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara— Monday 7.00am

St Leo's College, Wahroonga Friday 12.55pm during school terms

(Suspended until further notice)

Baptism:

Every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 11.00am.

Please make an appointment through the Parish Office

Marriage:

By appointment, at least six months in advance.

Sick Calls:

Any time day or night.

Please call 0408 350 885 out of office hours

Confessions:

Saturday 11.30am or by appointment. The list of times in surrounding parishes is on our parish website. We recommend you call the parish in advance to confirm times.

Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council for 2020/2021: Gemma McDermott (Chair), Tess Denham-Fabry (Deputy Chair), Ed Scully (Secretary), Chrissie Goldrick, Tom Waugh, Giovanna Flores-Clarke, Ian Edmunds, Samantha Vieira, Sally Oong and Roger Bohlsen, along with Genevieve Smith (Prouille) and Vanessa Dillon (St Lucy's) and Jason Scanlon (St Edmunds)

Parish Finance Committee: Marinela Mendes, Tony Monardo, Robyn Elizondo, Tim Quilty, Paul O'Brien

Parish Fundraising Committee: Noel Kean (Chair), Meredith Baume, Anthony Weaver, Lyn Saul, James Toomey

The Parish Bank Account Number: The Catholic Development Fund (CDF) with whom the parish banks, has changed some of its processes. This means we have a new account number. In the past, we would provide the details here, however, in late 2020, the Diocese of Broken Bay advised we were no longer to advertise our bank account details in the parish bulletin or on our website. **SO WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?** If you deposit directly to the parish account (on a regular or ad hoc basis), we need to provide you with the new account number. There is no change to regular credit card contributors.

Thank you for your financial contribution to the support of our Parish Community and its priests. It is greatly appreciated.

- The 1st Collection taken up at Mass goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.
- The 2nd Collection taken up at Mass is for the running and upkeep of the Parish.

We invite you to help our Parish by joining a Planned Giving scheme. Please contact the parish office for the way you can participate in this. Your gift of any size will help our parish continue our good works & outreach.

Alternatively see the "Make A Payment" tab on www.holynamewahroonga.com.au

IN CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY: Our Church is equipped with a defibrillator in the event of a cardiac arrest. It is located near the entrance to the church, next to the notice board. It is designed to be used by everyone. Please familiarise yourself with the use of this device at [AED Plus Step-by-Step Demo - YouTube](#) in case of an emergency.