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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16th July, 2023

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (vitae spiritualis ianua), and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons 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."

This sacrament is called Baptism, to baptize (Greek baptizein) means to "plunge" or "immerse"; the "plunge" into the water symbolizes the catechumen's burial into Christ's death, from which he rises up by resurrection with him, as "a new creature."

Christ's Baptism: Our Lord voluntarily submitted himself to the baptism of St. John, intended for sinners, in order to "fulfill all righteousness."

Baptisms: Infant Baptism: where infant Baptism has become the form in which this sacrament is usually celebrated, it has become a single act encapsulating the preparatory stages of Christian initiation in a very abridged way. By its very nature infant Baptism requires a postbaptismal catechumenate.

Adult Baptism: The second Vatican Council restored for the Latin Church "the catechumenate for adults, comprising several distinct steps." The rites for these stages are to be found in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Today, the Christian initiation of adults begins with their entry into the catechumenate and reaches its culmination in a single celebration of the three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

Baptism in danger of death: any baptised Christian, even a nonbaptized person, with the required intention can administer baptism in danger of death, by using simple formula- I baptise you in the name of the father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Symbols Used in Baptism: The anointing with sacred Catechumen and Chrism signifies the gift of the Holy Spirit to the newly baptized, who has become a Christian, that is, one "anointed" by the Holy Spirit,

incorporated into Christ. The white garment: symbolizes that the person baptized has "put on Christ," has risen with Christ. The candle: lit from the Easter candle, signifies that Christ has enlightened the neophyte. In him the baptized are "the light of the world."

WHO CAN RECEIVE BAPTISM? "Every person not yet baptized and only such a person is able to be baptized.

WHO CAN BAPTIZE? The ordinary ministers of Baptism are the bishop and priest and, in the Latin Church, also the deacon.

THE NECESSITY OF BAPTISM: The Lord himself affirms that Baptism is necessary for salvation. He also commands his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all nations and to baptize them. (Cont. Page 3)

WEEK<u>END MASS TIMES</u>

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil	6:00pm	Fr Baby
Sunday:	7:30am	Fr Joshi
	9:00am	Fr Joshi
	6:00pm	Fr Baby

Children's Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:00am Mass (except school holidays)

St Brendan's Church Lake Munmorah

Fr Tomy Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm 8:00am Fr Tomy Sunday:

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday	9:00 am	
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Wednesday	9:00 am	
Thursday	9:00 am	(Ordinariate of Our Lady of
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Friday	9:15am	(Except 1st Friday of Month)

First Friday of Month Anointing of Sick

11:00am

9:00 am Saturday

St Brendan's Church Lake Munmorah Wednesday 9:00am

First Wednesday of Month Anointing of Sick

9:00am 9:00am Thursday

EXPOSITION BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Church Toukley

Each Saturday – After Morning Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Toukley

Saturday 9:30am -10:00am (by appointment at other times)

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday 4:30 -5:00pm

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

St Mary's Toukley

8:20 am Monday to Thursday & Saturday 8:45 am Friday First Friday Night Vigil

Exposition after 7pm Mass until 1.30am

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Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate The Hello & Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We welcome you to our Church & are very pleased to

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Upcoming events - Save the Dates: Sat 15th July - Fr. Baby's Feast Day



Fri 21st July - Departure for World Youth Dav Mon 24th July - Conversations about Catholics at St Brendan's School 1.30pm - 2.25pm Wed 26th July - Grandparent's Day St Brendan's School Fri 28th July - Grandparent's Day St Mary's School Sat 29th July - Tongan Mass 1pm - 2pm St Mary's Church Mon 31st July - Alpha St Mary's Parish Centre 7pm Wed 2nd August - World Youth Day

Dear Parishioners and friends,

We shall be publishing articles on sacraments in the upcoming weeks of the Parish Bulletin. Today we reflect on Baptism which we all received long ago. It would be a great reminder for all of us to refresh our thoughts and ideas about sacraments we celebrate in the church and a great opportunity to know them better.



Confirmation Sacramental Program We are in the process of organising our next Sacramental Program, which is Confirmation. All Baptised children in Yr 3 (or above) are able to enroll in this program. Enrolments will open

early August with Parent Information Sessions being held 23rd & 24th August, and preparation classes commencing 28th August. The Confirmation ceremony is planned for Sat 14th October. This year there will only be one ceremony at St Mary's Church at 11am.

St Vincent De Paul Winter appeal

Thank you to all Parishioners who generously donated to this appeal. Just over \$2000 was raised! This will be put to good use and help those in need in our community.







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THE GRACE OF BAPTISM: Incorporated into Christ by Baptism, the person baptized is configured to Christ. Baptism seals the Christian with the indelible spiritual mark (character) of his belonging to Christ. Christian initiation is accomplished by three sacraments together: Baptism which is the beginning of new life; Confirmation which is its strengthening; and the Eucharist which nourishes the disciple with Christ's Body and Blood for his transformation in Christ. Baptism imprints on the soul an indelible spiritual sign, the character, which consecrates the baptized person for Christian worship. Because of the character Baptism cannot be repeated.

Confused? Join A Dialogue About "The Voice"

What has this to do with Christianity? Whose Idea was "The Voice"? What Does it say? What does The Church and the Scriptures Say? Join in a dialogue. Leave you name at the parish office. Margaret Hagan

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly 23 July 2023 Pope Francis instituted the Day in 2021 to be held the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne. The Pope has chosen this year's theme "His mercy if from age to age" (Lk 1:50), which he recalled, takes us back to the joyful meeting between Mary and her elderly relative Elizabeth (Lk1:39-56). The Holy Spirit had descended upon Elizabeth, and had earlier, descended upon Mary, prompting her to respond with the Magnificat, in which she proclaimed that the Lord's mercy is from generation to generation. The message from the Holy Father connects to the celebration of World Youth Day in August. His message encourages us to create bonds between the young and the older.

<u>World Youth Day</u> - A Blessing Mass was held with Bishop Anthony at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara, on Friday 14th July before the departure of everyone from Broken Bay Diocese who will be travelling to the event. The first groups commence departure July 21, with the Direct group leaving 29 July. We invite communities across the Diocese to pray for our pilgrims and leaders, throughout the pilgrimage for an amazing experience and safe return. **Representing our Parish are Sr. Josie, Sr. Jennifer, teachers from St Brigid's College Mr Barnett, Mr Devlin and Mrs Foo along with students Chole, Holly, Indy and Tom.**

Overshadowed: Filled With The Power Of The Holy Spirit

Join the MGL Sisters in a weekend retreat 'Overshadowed: Filled with the Power of the Holy Spirit' & explore what happens when we say yes to the Holy Spirit. Experience the life-changing power in God's love, surrendering to Jesus & living under the grace of the Holy Spirit. Date: 18-20 August 2023

Venue: Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville http://www.trybooking.com/CFBQX (by 11 August) Contact: Katherine: mglsisters.sydney@gmail.com



The Late Pauline Landrigan

Please keep Michael Landrigan and his family in your prayers after the loss of his Mum, Pauline. Michael is the REC at St Brigid's Catholic College.

Mackay Family Funerals

In Association with Mackay Family Crematorium A.B.N. 79 085 423 589 Head Office: 249 Pacific Highway West, Ourimbah 2258 PO Box 89 Ourimbah NSW 2258. Phone: (02) 4362 2733 Fax: (02) 4362 2899 In your charity, please pray for those who have died and those who are sick



Recently Deceased -

Pauline Landrigan, Patrick Somers, Marie Lazarus, Fr. Carl Ashton, Maria Caruso, Simon Butcher, Kathleen Cassidy, Fred Borg, Gwen Bates, Pat Kirkin, Sr. Mary Rita Cortis, Barbara Champley, Alicia Regalo, Clifford Marshall (Trish Lavin's Brother), Keith Fealy

Anniversaries - John & Sammy Zepafa, Frederick Jurd, Ignatius Lavin, Maree Dening, Phil Murphy, Eileen Thorpe, William Henry Baker, Fr. Paul Fitzgerald, Moore O'Langley Families, Yook Chee Ng, Eileen Sykes

Remembrances - Brown & Miller families, Stanley Nolan & Nolan families, Sr. Monica Nadurata OSA, Sr. Aqulina de Rueda OSA, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Kenneth George Durley, Wendy Woodhouse, Carol Brown, Ronald Pingo Roach

Please Pray for the Sick - Baby Dottie, Denis Tansey, John van der Kroft, Dawn, Jenna Stoffel, Norma Gallear, Montaro family, Celly Wakeman, Sheila Rose, Michele Maroon, Oskar Calvi, Gregory Clark, Hector, Robyn Broad, Dylan & partner, Charlie & Nina Micahllef, Joe, Graham Moir, Diane Booth, Miklos Beothy, Eric Peck, Salomie, Robbie Depares, Shirley Campbell, Daniel Schultz, Eva Cusick, Maureen Price, Liz Kelman, Rhondda Rey, Kerrie Lennard, Florian Stoffell, Ken Hancock, Heatherbell Baker, Alicia Haynes, Robyn Broad, Marcos, Bill & families, Cecelia McClusky, Vaughn Haynes, Sabu Kuruvelil, Sr Tincy, Noel McCool

June/JulyBirthdays

Jehezkiel Lambaran (1st July) Christine Buckman (6th July) Jan Vydiniotis (27th July)



Call the office to have your birthday included!

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July For a Eucharistic life: That Catholics may place Holy Eucharist at the heart of their lives



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Volunteer Angels Male & Female

Do you have a caring heart & time to become a friend to a lonely person in an Aged Care Facility Please call Anne-Marie 4396 1555 **First Reading** Isaiah 55:10-11 A reading from the prophet Isaiah *The rain makes the earth fruitful.*

Thus says the Lord: '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.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 64:10-14

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **R**.

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. **R**.

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R**.

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat, They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R**.

Second Reading Romans 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation GA

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

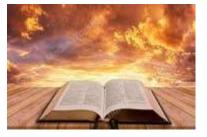
Gospel Matthew 13:1-9 (shorter form) *A sower went out to sow.*

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundred-fold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday Sixteenth Sunday Ordinary Time First Reading - Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 Second Reading -Romans 8:26-27 Gospel - Matthew 13:24-33(shorter form)

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