

Year B
Baptism of the Lord
10 January 2021
Liturgical Colour: White

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WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Christmastime officially ends today, and Ordinary Time begins as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Baptism of The Lord. Today's liturgical colour is white due to the Solemnity. Ordinary Time's liturgical colour is green. Today we celebrate the commencement of Jesus' public ministry. In five weeks, we will begin Lent on 17th Feb with the liturgical colour of violet. How time is flying!

Today's Solemnity invites and encourages us to reflect more deeply on what the Sacrament of Baptism really means. According to the Catechism, baptism enables the believer to enter into communication with Christ's death, is buried with Him, and rises with Him to new life in the Holy Spirit. The baptised have "put on Christ". Through the Holy Spirit baptism is a bath that purifies, justifies, and sanctifies. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, para 1226).

Today's Solemnity goes to the central nature of Jesus – truly human and truly divine. We state this theological dogma each time we recite the Creed: "I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God... true God from true God...and became man". The Church teaches that Jesus is "true God and true man" (Catechism, para 464). And not just partly human or partly God but fully human and fully God. The Church also teaches that Jesus is like us "in all things except sin" (Catechism, para 467). So, Jesus was born without original sin and couldn't sin during His temporal life. So why then was Jesus baptised?

Jesus didn't need to be baptized for His own sake, but he wanted to be baptized for our sake. He wanted to reveal His strategy for redeeming the world:

- entering so fully into the human condition;
- that He could take upon Himself the weight of all our sins;
- so that we could be freed from them and have a new start, a new hope, a new life

Baptism is the primordial and most important Sacrament of the seven Sacraments of the Church. Without it, you can receive no other Sacrament. It is a living Sacrament which makes us Disciples of Jesus and with the Holy Spirit, teaches us to become elite champions for Christ. But it is not magic! We have to work at our discipleship. When we are baptized, God's own divine life is actually planted within us, like a seed, and wherever God's life is, God himself is. This is why every baptized Christian is a temple of God: The Holy Trinity, in a mysterious way, actually dwells within each one of us after we have been baptized, as long as we don't commit a mortal sin. But if we do, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will bring us back into relationship with Jesus.

Christian life doesn't end with baptism liturgy - or with the party after the baptism - it only starts there. Once we have received this great gift, we have to take responsibility for it. In infant baptism, the parents take on that responsibility as the first teachers of the little one in the ways of the Faith. May they be the best of teachers bearing witness to the Faith in what they say and do.

Thus our God might utter for us, "You are my beloved disciple, in whom I am well pleased"

Deacon Peter



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LITURGY TIMES

11th - 17th January

Grovely St William's

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:00am Mass
9:00am Mass
5:00pm Mass

Mitchelton Our Lady of Dolours

Monday: 8:30am **Mass Cancelled**

Tuesday: 8:30am Mass

Wednesday: 8:30am Mass

St Hilary

Thursday: 8:30am Mass

Friday: 8:30am Mass

Saturday: 4:00pm Vigil Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Sunday: 11:00am Mass

Samford Sacred Heart

Next Weekend Mass

Sunday: 8:00am Mass

Can't Make It To Mass?

Watch Online:

Mass is streamed live everyday from the Cathedral of St Stephen and can be viewed on the Archdiocese of Brisbane website or YouTube channel.

Weekday (Mon - Fri) 8am

Sunday, Jan 17: 8am & 10am

Watch on TV:

'Mass for You at Home' can be viewed on Channel 10 at **6am** on **Sundays**



Saturday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is in Recess

Saturday Adoration will resume January 23

Weekly reconciliations will also resume at this time

Pope's Prayer Intentions: January Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all



This Week's Readings: Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 55: 1 - 11
1 John 5: 1 - 9
Mark 1: 7 - 11

Next Week's Readings: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3: 3 - 10, 19
1 Corinthians 6: 13 - 15, 17 - 20
John 1: 35 - 42

MASS CANCELLED DURING WEEKEND COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

Residents of the Greater Brisbane area are advised to stay home from 6pm on Friday January 8 until 6pm on Monday January 11. This applies to residents of Brisbane, Logan, Ipswich, Moreton and Redlands.

As this includes the Grovely-Samford & Mitchelton parishes Mass will be cancelled during this time. Mass will resume on Tuesday unless otherwise advised.

Go to the Queensland Health website <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/> for more information.

COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS



Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Joan Smith, Aileen Kelly, Ruby O'Neill

Anniversary: Mary White, Valerie Waldby



We pray for the Sick

We pray for: Primitiva Bautista, Veronica Pragnell, Michael Cramsie, Ted Cramsie, Warwick Lee, Maureen Campbell, Kathleen Edden, Stuart Smith, Cindy Roberts, Teresa Pitman, Maureen O'Neill, Helen Wagner

Please note All requests to have a Mass offered for someone, or newsletter requests for the name of recently deceased family members, prayers for the sick and anniversaries, need to be given to the parish office in writing. Forms and Mass request envelopes are available from the sacristy at all 3 churches, or from the Parish Office. Completed forms/envelopes can be given to the priest or handed in at the office.

Two Minute Homilies:

This week, Deacon Gary Stone gives the homily for the Baptism of the Lord

"You are my son, my daughter, my favour will rest on you. Live out the life of baptism, it's a lifelong mission."

Two Minute Homilies can be viewed on the Archdiocese of Brisbane YouTube channel or by going to archbne.org/vpyw

Resumption of Home Communion at Moonah Park Aged Care

Eucharistic Ministry will commence in the New Year for our Aged Care family at Churches of Christ, Oxford Park. This is an essential Catholic mission in reaching out to those who cannot practice their faith with us on weekends. If you are interested in helping in this very rewarding role please let us know by contacting Marie-Louise Singson at the Parish Office. Training and support will be provided by the team.

Security Cameras at Grovely

Due to the number of break-ins at St William's, please be aware that security cameras have been installed in the church, parish office and surrounding areas

January 10, 2021 Baptism of the Lord

"And a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" Mark 1:11

Through our baptism, we too, are daughters and sons of God. We are disciples of Jesus. As true disciples we are called to actively participate in our Catholic faith, not just be mere bystanders. This means working in collaboration with the Holy Spirit and discerning how we are being asked to use our gifts. Using our gifts for the benefit of others and not just for our own interests and comfort.

Bible Quiz

What did the sailors of the ship Jonah was on do to increase their chances of survival?

Answer next Week

Last Week's question:

Towards which city was Saul travelling when he encountered a light from heaven?

Answer:

Damascus (Acts 9:3)

Baptism of the Lord A Vocation View

No one is humanly worthy to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother. No one is worthy to stoop and untie the sandal straps of Jesus. But he still calls us and favours us to do His work. Will you serve?



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Vinnies Bread Run

The Grovely SVDP Conference requires a volunteer to deliver bread to needy families within the parish. Commitment would be approx. 2.5hrs once every 4 weeks on a Saturday/Sunday evening.

Anyone interested in helping this worthy cause please call Brian Bensted on 3351 1174 or 0412 569 170

What do you get hanging off a banana tree?



Sore arms