



## Cleaning & Flower Rosters for Next Week

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### Flowers

Donna Sooalo

### Cleaning

William Family

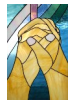


### Lenten Program - 2020

Anyone wishing to register their name for a Lenten Program for Easter 2020 (starting from Ash Wednesday 26th February till Easter 12th April 2020), please contact the Parish Office.

### Prayer for the Sick

Hudson Mc Hardy, Keith Auld, Lin Merrian, Marj, Gladys Robbin, Kim Shadwell, Jackie Ledger, Amy and Reagan Whiteman, Blake Dufty, Amanda Harding, Sarah Kathleen Jones, Marie Bonne, Maureen McCallion, Phil O'Dwyer, Peter Eddy, Bill & Carrie McCarthy.



### Anniversaries - 13th January - 19th January

Vera McCallion, Wilma Poek, Hannah O'Hagan, Efigenio Alindogan, John Eustace, Wendy Boughton, Ruth O'Donohue, Ruth Lorraine O'Donohue.

### Recently Deceased

Theresa Sears, Taulapapa, Elsie Alindogan, Margaret Holmes, Elizabeth Allison, Annie Breen.

### Verbum Domini (2010) 56

The **Sacramentality of the Word** can be understood by analogy with the real presence of Christ under the appearances of the consecrated bread and wine. By approaching the altar and partaking in the Eucharistic banquet we truly share in the body and blood of Christ. The proclamation of God's word at the celebration entails an acknowledgement that Christ himself is present, that he speaks to us, and that he wishes to be heard. St Jerome speaks of the way we ought to approach both the Eucharist and the word of God: 'We are reading the sacred Scriptures. For me, the Gospel is the Body of Christ; for me, the holy Scriptures are his teaching. And when he says: *whoever does not eat my flesh and drink my blood (Jn 6:53)*, even though these words can also be understood of the Eucharist, Christ's body and blood are really the word of Scripture, God's teaching. When we approach the Eucharist, if a crumb falls to the ground we are troubled. Yet when we are listening to the word of God, and God's Word and Christ's flesh and blood are being poured into our ears we pay no heed, what great peril should we not feel?" Christ, truly present under the species of bread and wine, is analogously present in the word proclaimed in the liturgy.



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12th January 2020

The Baptism of the Lord



### Identification

Jesus, sinless, doesn't need to be baptized, and yet he came to John for baptism. It is hard to know exactly why Jesus came to John to be baptized. We are not alone on this matter; even John himself protested, *'It is I who need baptism from you and yet you come to me'*. Jesus gave no explanation but simply insisted, saying: *'Leave it like this for the time being, it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands'*.

Jesus' baptism certainly has nothing to do with the expiation of his own sin, but rather it has something to do with John the Baptist's mission.

First, Jesus recognized that John's baptism came from God, and his mission was preparing the heart of the people for the coming of the Lord. John himself declared his mission was that he was not the Christ, but only a voice crying in the wilderness, paving the way for the Lord (John 1,23). He came to testify for the Light, and his baptism served as the sign of repentance. The One who is coming after him is mightier than he, and John is unfit to undo his sandals. He will baptize people with the Holy Spirit and fire Lk 3,15-17. John made it clear to his disciples, pointing to the man Jesus saying, *'behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (Jn 1,29)*.

Second, at Jesus' baptism there was the voice from on high to affirm his identity,

*'This is my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on him'.*

Third, after Jesus came out of the river, three significant events happened:

1. The heaven opened;
2. The voice of the Father came from on high and;
3. The descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove resting upon him.

Jesus' baptism revealed the Holy Trinity, the Three Persons of God, and it also revealed Jesus' identity.

Fourth, an act of righteousness means to do what is right, and just, in accordance with God's will. Jesus' baptism signified his commitment to do not his own will but God's. In his public ministry he once confirmed, that He came to do not his own will but the Father's. Through Jesus we know about God redemptive plan to save the human race.

Fifth, Jesus went one step ahead of John. John's mission was preparing the way for the Lord. Jesus declared he was not preparing the way, but he actually is the way. Jesus' leadership went ahead of his people. To protect His people, Jesus went ahead of them to show the right way, not follow after as the world's leaders do.

At our baptism, there are two signs: one is visible and the other is invisible.

1. The visible sign has something to do with water and oil, and;
2. The inwards affect John talked about; it is the inerascible seal of the Holy Spirit, Jesus gives to a baptised person.

In this sense our baptism is the combination of John the Baptist's baptism (baptism with water) and the power of the Spirit Jesus gives (baptise with the Holy Spirit). Our baptism enables us to incorporate our lives into the mystical Body of the Risen Christ, through the love and power of the Risen Christ.

Vudinh Tuong

## *With Thanks*

We wish to thank Jonas and his team (Prezley Vaoiva, Phillip Vaoiva, Cyprian Manutai & Wiki Vaoiva) for painting the rails and varnishing the verandah.

We also thank Cameron and his team for fixing the lattice work.

Thank you to those who helped remove the manger in and outside the Church.

Everyone's time and effort is greatly appreciated.



## Religious Instruction Update

Thank you for putting your used Nativity cards into the box near the angel. We use these to give our children cards with the real meaning of Christmas.

It is so important that everyone in this ministry to state schools demonstrates professionalism by attending training to ensure we are up-to-date with all that is happening! Anyone who has shown interest in helping the RI, we invite you to attend TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT: THURS 30TH JAN, 2020. Come when you can, leave when you have to. At CATALYST CHURCH, 142 Pine Mountain Rd, (opposite Wyman St) BRASSALL 9.00 am - 2.30 pm

To Register: 0412 875 412 More information: Christine Hodgkinson 0402 494 401



### Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be held on 19th January 2020.

Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of each month during the 9am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

## Home Visit

Anyone who is sick or housebound and would like a visit from a priest, please contact the parish office and a visit can be arranged.



## Loop System

The Church is fitted with a loop system. If you wear a hearing aid, set the control to the 'T' to obtain a better sound.

## Weekday Mass

13th Jan -	Mon -		No Mass
14th Jan -	Tues -	9.00am	Mass
15th Jan -	Wed -	9.00am	Mass
16th Jan -	Thurs -	9.00am	Mass
17th Jan -	Fri -	9.00am	Mass

## Saturday Mass

18th Jan -	Sat -	5.00pm	Mass Reconciliation till 4.30pm
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## Sunday Mass

19th Jan -	Sun -	7.00am & 9.00am	Mass
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## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th January

Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

**Australia Day** falls on Sunday - 26th January

**Australia Day Public Holiday** - Monday 27th January - There will be a 9.00am Mass

