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Monday - Friday: 8.00 am to 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm to 4.30pm

Please note Office is closed 12.30 - 1.30pm.

Mrs Carol Sayers **APRE:** Mr Nick Fogarty

Ms Harmony Domaille

You are invited

to

Fr Anthony's

Installation Mass

by Archbishop

Mark Coleridge

Sunday 7 February at

the 9.00am Mass.



A Parish of the North East Deanery in pastoral association with Hamilton Hendra Northgate Nundah Banyo Wavell Heights Aspley Geebung Zillmere Bracken Ridge Sandgate and Brighton

Readings - The Baptism of the Lord - 10 January 2016

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



Dear sisters and brothers,

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season. This festive season does not leave Jesus as a baby lying in a manger. By the end of the Christmas season, Jesus is an adult who calls us to follow him. The baptism of Jesus is the prototype for our own baptism. Through baptism of water and the Holy Spirit, we come to share in the life of the Father and Son. Gracious words were spoken to Jesus: "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you".

These same words are spoken to us at the time of our baptism, and continue to be spoken to us in every moment of every day: "You are my son or daughter, the Beloved; my favour rests on you". Imagine if we were able to hear these words clearly; imagine how different we might be. To see ourselves as "the Beloved" is not to puff ourselves up with pride or arrogance, nor is it not to admit we are unfaithful as the Beloved. It is simply to recognise the claim that God makes on us in baptism. This is not a claim we make about ourselves. It is the claim of the seal of love that God places on us and within us.

In the baptismal rite, there is a little ritual called the "Ephphatha Rite" in which we touch the ears and eyes of the newly-baptised. "Ephphatha" means "be open". It was a word that Jesus used when he open the ears of the deaf man. When we pray this prayer, we are praying that all the baptised – even those of us who cannot remember their baptism – will be open to "hearing" and "seeing" the mystery of God. This feast day challenges us to listen to a voice that is deeper than all our false images of God, deeper than all our destructive images about ourselves, and deeper than our feelings of alienation or distance from God. Because of our baptism, there is a constant inner voice that says to us, "You are my son or daughter, the Beloved; my favour rests on you". We are called to listen to this voice.

At the 9am Mass this Sunday, we also acknowledge those who are responding to this voice by wishing to be baptised and become full members of the Church. Beginning some months ago, a small group has been gathering regularly to prepare to be initiated or be welcomed into the Church at the Easter Vigil later this year. Through the Rite of Acceptance, we formally welcome Tina Locantro and Indianna Wort into the Order of Catechumens. A catechumen is a person who is not baptised but formally desires to enter into a process of formation for Christian initiation through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We also welcome Cate Barrett and James Kelaher who are baptised but who desire to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. There will be other steps along the way. However, on this Sunday, this community welcomes Tina, Indianna, Cate and James through pray and ritual, and promises to support them in preparation for Easter festivities. Please keep Tina, Indianna, Cate, James and their sponsors in your prayers as they continue their preparation and formation.

Fr Anthony

Australia Day - Tuesday 26 January

Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am.

Followed by morning tea. All welcome!

Please bring a plate to assist with catering.



*** CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS:**

Congratulations to Annette Riba, Anne O'Connor and Yvonne Vincent. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets. A total of \$1073.60 was raised.

*** HAND-in-HAND**

The Summer 2015 edition of Hand-in-Hand is now available. Copies available on table in church foyer. Please take a copy home and feel free to take extra copies for your family, friends and neighbours.

*** FRANKLY MAGAZINE - for sale at the Piety Stall for \$5.00 each.**

Offering informative and engaging articles by quality writers in Australia and overseas, FRANKLY has been designed to engage with ordinary people on topics that are relevant to their everyday lives. Some topics include: *Life Matters, Parenting, Relationships and Money.*

43,000 copies of FRANKLY have been distributed across Australia and New Zealand already!! FRANKLY is making a big impact and we hope that the freshness of FRANKLY impacts the many families who will receive it.

*** THE LITTLE KINGS'S MOVEMENT - SPECIAL COLLECTION - 23/24 January**

The Little King's Movement once a year conducts a Door Knock and a Parish Appeal. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities. There is no Government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for their services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs is truly ecumenical, and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement. **Envelopes will be available on that weekend.**

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Blue Doyle, Harry Vincent, Jack O'Hagan, Nicole Staats, Phyllis Agnew, Jennifer Taylor

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Tan Tiam Teng, Herb Gosley, Eric O'Hagan, Hugh McBride, John McHugh, Lino Miolo, Stan McKenzie, Fr Francis O'Connell, Doris Webb, John Agnew, Florence Hinson, Dell Murphy, Peter, Noel & Eve Turnbull

Those who are sick:

Trevor Elms, Fr Michael Cooney, Craig Gerran, Ken Kipping, Rosaria Fazio, Paddy Ryan Snr, Adele Walker, Paul White, Edward Clark, Cajetan Goves, Alexandra Barlow, Joshua Stasis, Joyce Rodgers, Carmel See, Regina Hwan, Val Boevinlic, Deanne Du Bour, Melissa Waka, Agnes Tam, Kerri Smith, Gerry Maller, Ann Tully, Louise Horrocks, Nola Palm, Matthew Gray, Frank Wilkie, Don Martin, Patrick Gallagher, Rene Quinn, Eileen Clarke, Rob Bruce, Mel Purwo, Kath Delahunty, Hellen Passente, Philomena L'Hiullier.



PARISH ROSTERS

Please arrange a substitute if you are unavailable on your rostered day.

| | 6.00pm | 7.00am | 9.00am | 5.30pm |
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| <u>READERS</u> | | | | |
| 9/10 Jan | Marian Nolan Marie Ho | Rafael Chase Ruby Chase | Denis Keating Angela Larosa Don Macpherson | Life Teen Mass |
| 16/17 Jan | Phil Zammit Eric van der List | Andrew Douglas Chanelle White | <i>Volunteer</i> Katrina Murphy Wilma O'Connell | Life Teen Mass |
| <u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u> | | | | |
| 9/10 Jan | Eddie Foley | Kate Duffield | Erin Bledsoe | Life Teen Mass |
| 16/17 Jan | Jan Zammit | Paulette Archer | Deborah Hall | Life Teen Mass |
| <u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD -</u> Prep to Grade 4 children are encouraged to participate. <i>Please note: any younger siblings need to be accompanied by an adult.</i> | | | | |
| 31 Jan | <i>Children's Liturgy resumes</i> | | | |
| <u>ORGANISTS:</u> | | | | |
| 9/10 Jan | <i>Volunteer</i> | Mark Leung | Catriona McPherson | Life Teen Mass |
| 16/17 Jan | <i>Volunteer</i> | Mark Leung | Catriona McPherson | Life Teen Mass |
| <u>SANCTUARY CARERS:</u> | | | | |
| 16 Jan | Beverley O'Brien | | | |

Readings - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17 January 2016

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Gospel: John 2:1-11