



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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The Baptism of the Lord (Year C) - 13th January 2019

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 14 January: 6.30am
Wednesday 16 January: 9am
Thursday 17 January: 9am
Saint Anthony
Friday 18 January: 9am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm
(1st Rite of Reconciliation: Saturday 4.30pm)
Sunday 7.00am
9.00am
5.30pm

Rosary before Mass.

Parish Calendar

JANUARY

- Monday 21st
SVPD Meeting 5pm Parish Office
- Monday 28th
Australia Day Public Holiday
Mass 9.00am
- Wednesday 30th
School resumes

DATE SAVER

**ST AGATHA'S
FEAST DAY**

**Sunday 3 February 2019
9am Mass**

**Celebrations to follow at
the Presentation Centre**



Dear friends,

Firstly, thank you for the very warm welcome I have received since arriving in the Parish. I have enjoyed meeting many parishioners and families and your kindness certainly makes a difference as I move into a new home and a new place of ministry. As you may know this year I also commence an appointment as Vice Rector of Holy

Spirit Seminary and Pastoral Director of those students participating in a year of pastoral placement. While having supervised students in the Parish several times it will be a new experience for me to be directly involved in the formation of those preparing for ordained ministry.

Secondly, I admire the generosity of St Agatha's Parish which for many years has shared its Pastor with another ministry in the Archdiocese or the Province of Queensland. Fr Anthony and Fr Adrian held positions which served the wider church and that will continue as I am involved at Holy Spirit Seminary. Not every faith community would be so generous and I am grateful for your patience and understanding as I attempt to get the balance right.

I have met quite a few people from Clayfield Parish over the years as I was pastor at Caloundra for seven years and before that appointment I was eighteen years at Coolangatta- Tugun Parish on the Gold Coast. While they are both very beautiful parts of the world I am delighted to be once again living and working back in Brisbane. I am the second of three sons and was born in Charleville, Queensland in 1961. I grew up in Ipswich, was educated at St Edmund's Christian Brothers and ordained in February 1986 at St Mary's Ipswich.

One very positive aspect to being back in Brisbane is the possibility of attending a Broncos game because Murphy, my Border Collie, doesn't cope very well when the master gets excited while watching a televised game of real football!

I hope this New Year has already been a time of blessing for you and may that continue.

God bless,
Fr Kevin

Someone more powerful is coming. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

You are my Son, the Beloved. My favour rests on you. Prepare. Make straight. Here is the Lord coming with power. The earth is full of your riches. You renew the face of the earth.

The gospel speaks of two baptisms. The first is the event this feast celebrates: the baptism Jesus received. The second is the baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire which we receive. Just as Jesus' baptism revealed him as 'beloved Son', our own baptism reveals us as ones who are saved, renewed, justified, and heirs of eternal life.

In this sense baptism is an epiphany.

Clayfield Conversations

The Baptism of the Lord

What did it mean for Jesus to come up out of the waters of the Jordan to experience the special presence of the Holy Spirit as though it were a dove, gently hovering over him? As a Jew, he would have been reminded both of the Divine Wind hovering over the void-become-creation, and of the dove bearing an olive twig as God restored humanity's life on earth after the Flood. The Holy Spirit was empowering Him for a re-creative role on behalf of humanity.

His second experience was to sense God's delight and joy sounding, reverberating through every fibre of his body, every reach of his soul: 'You are my beloved Son, my favour rests on you.'

Any baby, any adolescent, any adult who is baptised shares in these wonderful experiences. The dynamic power of the Holy Spirit hovers over the person as a gentle presence, preparing the one baptised for a mission on behalf of humanity. And every baptised person senses, below the range of hearing, the echo of the same marvellous words: "You are my beloved son or daughter, my favour rests on you."

Is it any wonder that Our Lord adopted this water rite to incorporate his followers into such wonderful experiences as a power-full impetus to fulfil their mission to cooperate in God's saving plan for humanity?

We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for the parent/s or other person/s who brought us into this tradition stretching over almost two millennia. May they be filled with all that flows from their being beloved sons and daughters of God.

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Geoffrey Pie, Paul Neville

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Tom McCormack, Philip Collins, Sue McSweeney, Peter Stephensen, Dominican Tran Huu Duc, Eric O'Hagan, Margaret Bowden, Jack Bowden, Craig Andrews, Blue Doyle

Those who are sick:

Harrison (Harry) Wiseman, Bryan Weaver, Val Barrett, Lorraine Douglas, Alexander Clark, Rosemary Douglas, Danielle Johnson, Gordon Hodge, Maureen Long, Anne Seymour, James Elliott, Camille Butler-Storms, Mary Ann Marcelo, Isabel Leddick, Carmel Elms, Helen Orosz, Lisa Bowes, Sophia Horrocks, Mario Di Filippo, Norma Fiore, Joan Healy, Dell McHugh, Ken Kipping, Paul White, Edward Clark, Joyce Rodgers, Carmel See, Regina Hwan, Val Boevinlic, Deanne Du Bour, Melissa Waka, Agnes Tam, Kerri Smith, Ann Tully, Patrick Gallagher, Mel Purwo, Hellen Passente

Reminder to let us know when names are no longer required to be shown on the sick list.

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

12/13 Jan

Volunteer
Ann Goves

Nick Eden
Dianne Eden

Heidi Cooper
Lauren Mitchell
Eileen Duncan

Life Teen Mass

19/20 Jan

Volunteer
Katrina Murphy

Anne O'Connor
Sr Cecily Foster

Don Macpherson
Ryan Smethurst
Tim Hancock

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

12/13 Jan

Deborah Hall

Paulette Archer

Julianne Ryan

Life Teen Mass

19/20 Jan

Deborah Hall

Volunteer

Volunteer

Life Teen Mass

"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:

13 Jan

Marjorie Wessels

20 Jan

Tom & Jeannine Treston

ORGANISTS:

12/13 Jan

Volunteer

Volunteer

Jenny McKeon

Life Teen Mass

19/20 Jan

Volunteer

Volunteer

Robyn Cuming

Life Teen Mass

SANCTUARY CARERS:

19 Jan

Beverley O'Brien



AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Join us for a wine and cheese supper on Saturday 26 January after the 5pm Mass.

