



ST BERNARD'S PARISH
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Mass Times

Tues 8: 5.30pm Mass
Wed 9: 8: 40 am Rosary
9am Mass
Thurs 10: 9am Mass
Fri 11: 9am Stations of the cross
9:15 am Mass
Saturday 12: 9am Rosary
5pm Reconciliation
6pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 13: 9am Mass
5pm Mass

Sacristans

6pm: Tony Craddy & Brian Carmody
9am: Anne Scicluna & Ray Bemelman
5pm: Rita & Dung Marion

ROSTERS: (12/13 January 2019)

Church Cleaning
D & L May (8-11 Jan)
Welcomers
6pm L Baz
9am M Law
5pm Volunteer
Readers
6pm, M Weatherall, J Quigley
9am R Bemelman, A Skinner
5pm, K O'Sullivan, E Drewsen
Commentator
6pm H Blake
9am M O'Neill
5pm B Basevi
Extraordinary Ministers
6pm J Wain, C Burrows,
9am L Stevens, C Connell
5pm T Cashman, D Gorzalka
Computer Screen
6pm K Conway
9am T. Priest
5pm NO Computer needed
Morning Tea Nola Beatty

The Significance of Jesus' Baptism

The Baptism of the Jesus is celebrated by the Eastern churches on the feast of Epiphany and the Sunday after Epiphany in the West respectively with great importance. This is because, it is the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons of the **Holy Trinity** (reflected in the *voice* of the Father and the *descent* of the Spirit in the form of a dove), and the official revelation of **Jesus as the Son of God** to the world by God the Father, marking the beginning of his public ministry. Hence, it is described by all four Gospels.

This event remains very significant in Jesus' life. Firstly, it was a **moment of identification** with sinners. Sinless, Jesus received the baptism of repentance to identify himself with the people he came to save. Secondly, it was a **moment of conviction** about his identity and mission: that He is the Son of God and His mission was to preach the Good News of God's love and salvation to Israel, and eventually to us, and to atone for sins by becoming the *"suffering servant."* God the Father's words, *"This is my beloved Son,"* taken from Psalm 2:17, revealed Jesus' identity as God's Son, and the words *"with whom I am well pleased,"* from Isaiah 42:1 (referring to the "suffering servant"), pointed to Jesus' mission of atoning for the sins of the world by His suffering and death on the cross. Thirdly, it was a **moment of equipment**. The Holy Spirit equipped Jesus by descending on him in the form of a dove, giving him the power of preaching and healing. Fourthly, it was a **moment of decision** to begin his public ministry at the most opportune time after receiving the approval of his Heavenly Father as His *beloved Son*.

Implicatively, the baptism of Jesus reminds us of our **identity**: who we are and whose we are. By Baptism we become sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of Heaven and temples of the Holy Spirit. In the words of St. Hippolytus, *"he who descends with faith into the laver of regeneration, renounces the devil and commits the self to Christ, laying aside slavery to sin and puts on adoption, returning from the font gleaming like the sun, radiating righteousness as a child of God and coheir with Christ"*.

Jesus' baptism also reminds us of our **mission**: called to discipleship; to experience the presence of God within us, to acknowledge our own dignity as God's children, and to appreciate the Divine Presence in others by honoring them, loving them and serving them in all humility; to live as the children of God in thought, word and action; to lead holy and transparent Christian lives and not to desecrate our bodies (the temples of the Holy Spirit and members of Jesus' Body), by impurity, injustice, intolerance, jealousy or hatred; to accept both the good and the challenging experiences of life as the gifts of a loving Heavenly Father for our growth in holiness; and to grow daily in intimacy with Him by personal and family prayers, by meditative reading of the Word of God, by participating in the Holy Mass, and by frequenting the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

It is a day to thank God for the gifts and graces received in Baptism, **to renew our Baptismal promises** and to witness to Christ's "Good News" by our transparent Christian lives of service, love, mercy and forgiveness.

Fr. Martins

Weekly/Monthly Activities

Weekly Events

Singalong: Every Monday at 1pm in the Church. (Resumes February)
RCIA Process: Every Wednesday 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room
Rosary: Every Wednesday at 8:40am in the Church.
Stations of the Cross: Every Friday at 9am in the church.
Craft: Every Thursday 10 –12pm in the Parish Meeting room.
Wrap with Love: 2nd Tuesday & last Wednesday of the month in Church
Men Alive: Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8am in Church
Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 5pm in Church

Monthly Events

Adoration: First Friday, 5:30pm.
First Saturday: 9am Mass
Opal Mass: 1st Wednesday of the Month at 10:30am
Glen Mass: 3rd Thursday of the Month at 10:30am
Maranatha Mass: 4th Wed of the Month at 2pm
Baptism Preparation: Every last Wednesday at 6.30pm in Church

Archdiocesan/Parish News

Computer Operators

If you would like to participate in operating the computer for Sunday evening mass or participate in any form during the 5pm mass, kindly contact the office via the numbers

Men's Breakfast

The first Men's Breakfast for 2019 is planned for 19th January

Guest Speaker: Rev. Martins Aloga

Time: 7.45 for 8am cost \$5,

Venue: Parish Meeting Room

Catering: Tony Priest, Mobile 0423 361083

Changes to Mass Times

From Sunday 6th January 2019, there will be a **5pm Mass every Sunday and a 5.30pm Mass every Tuesday**. This is to create additional opening for participation on the weekend and chance for working parishioners to participate at a Tuesday mass during the week.

New Parishioners

If you are a new parishioner, please take the time to fill in a blue form. We would love to welcome you into our parish. You can pick up a form from the piety shop. And if you know of someone who needs a home visit, Please contact the office on: **44724153 or 0457063466**

Parish Pastoral Care Team

We thank all volunteers who take communion to the sick and the housebound in our parish community. This is a key area of pastoral care and support for parishioners who are unable to fellowship with the community. Our desire is to reposition the team to meet the growing pastoral needs in the parish. We therefore, wish to invite you to a general **Team Meeting on Thursday 24th January 2019 at the Parish Meeting Room by 10am**

Saints of the Week

St. Anthony, Abbot 17th January 2019

Quote of the week

"Blood is said to be thicker than water, but with God the water of baptism is thicker than blood"

—David Miller

We Pray for the Sick in our Parish

Rae Fishlock, Mary Henderson, James Lee, Dianne Hantas, Geoff Philpot, Fr Warwick Tonkin, John Dillon, George Fitzgerald Declan Holmes, Drago Bandur, Diane Lanzon, Marietta London, Francis Spooner, Elizabeth Sullivan, Michael & Leslie Billings, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith and those in our local nursing homes.

Rest in Peace

Jacqueline Jacka, Helen Price, Victoria & Christiana Oboshi, Judy Sykes, Monica Watts, Levi Wheeler, Bob Spooner, Pasquale Imbriano and Desmond Mark Walsh

Banking details 1st Collection

If you are a parishioner who gives directly from your bank account to the offertory please note details for banking.
Acc. Name:
Central Presbytery Fund
Bank Acc: 29248
BSB: 062-786
Ref: PARISH SUBURB/TOWN & SUR-NAME.
Eg: Batemansbay jones

Banking details 2nd Collection

If you are a parishioner who gives directly from your bank account to 2nd collection please note details for banking
Acc. Name:
St Bernards Operating Account
Bank Acc:0012939
BSB: 062-786
Ref: FAMILY NAME.
Eg: Jones

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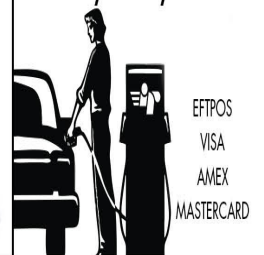
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