

MASS TIMES

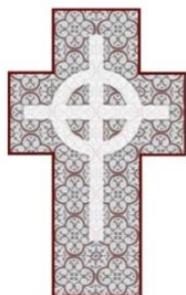
9am Friday

8am Sunday

RECONCILIATION

7:45am Sunday

or by appointment



ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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The Baptism of the Lord, Year A

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 28:1-4, 9-10

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)

2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R.)

3. The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!' The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king forever. (R.)

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-38

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

GOSPEL ACCLIMATION

Mark 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'



REFLECTON by Fr Michael Tate

For the early church, this gospel incident provided something of a puzzle. Why would Jesus, The Sinless One, submit to baptism by John? Why be immersed in the waters of the River Jordan as though he were a repentant sinner? The answer gives us great hope. Right from the start of his public ministry, Jesus wanted to be identified with the great mass of humanity who *are* sinful.

In other words, this being plunged into the waters of the Jordan was for Jesus a great act of solidarity with you and with me. He wanted to identify with those of us who have become conscious of the fracturing of our relationship with God, and have sensed the need to turn our lives in a better direction. Each of us has been incorporated into Jesus' baptism. At whatever age we received baptism, the Divine voice was heard whispering: 'You are my beloved daughter' or 'You are my beloved son,' 'My favour rests on you.'

That is our true identity as adopted brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.

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HYMNS

ENTRANCE

424 Holy Father, God of Might

Holy Father, God of Might,
Throned amid the hosts of light,
Take our life, our strength, our love,
King of earth and heaven above.

Hear the songs your people raise,
Songs of joyful thanks and praise,
Calling all created things
To adore you, King of kings.

Christ, be with us as we go,
Let this blind world see and know,
Burning in our lives, the sight
Of its only saving light.

So all men will bless your name,
And your kingship all proclaim
Praising with the heavenly host
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

OFFERTORY

432 O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God

O breathe on me, O breath of God,
fill me with life anew that I may love
the things You love, and do what you
would do.

O breathe on me, O breath of God,
until my heart is pure;
until my will is one with Yours,
to do and to endure.

O breathe on me, O breath of God,
my will to Yours incline,
until this selfish part of me
glows with Your fire divine.

O breathe on me, O breath of God,
so I shall never die,
but live with You the perfect life
for all eternity.

THANKSGIVING

452 On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

CHORUS

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge,
his faithfulness your shield.

CHORUS

You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come.

CHORUS

For to his angels he's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

CHORUS

RECESSIONAL

490 Prayer of St Francis

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy

**Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul**

Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving of ourselves that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

NOTICES

Catholic Church Plans National Response to Bushfire Crisis.

Please refer to newsletter insert : A statement from Archbishop Coleridge on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

O God, Lord of all creation,
our strength in adversity,
our health in weakness,
our comfort in sorrow,
be merciful to your people in their efforts to quench the fires
that rage in our land.
Sustain all those living in fear with your courage,
and keep from all harm those in the path of the fires and
who give of themselves to protect life and property.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen



~ Thank You ~

The generosity of St Luke's was deeply appreciated by the Sisters of Charity.

We raised \$1,234.20 for their drought support group:
Downs & West Community Support.

Cathedral Guides & Welcomers

Cathedral Guides & Welcomers invite you to an information session to discover the delights of volunteering with the Cathedral Guides & Welcomers. The meeting will take place on **Thursday, 6 February 2020 at 10.30am**, in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre.

If this ministry appeals to you, please contact the Cathedral on 3324 3030 or email deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au, by Friday 24 January 2020.

You are invited on a

Pilgrimage Journey to the Holy Land

Departing 28 September 2020 – 14 nights / 18 days

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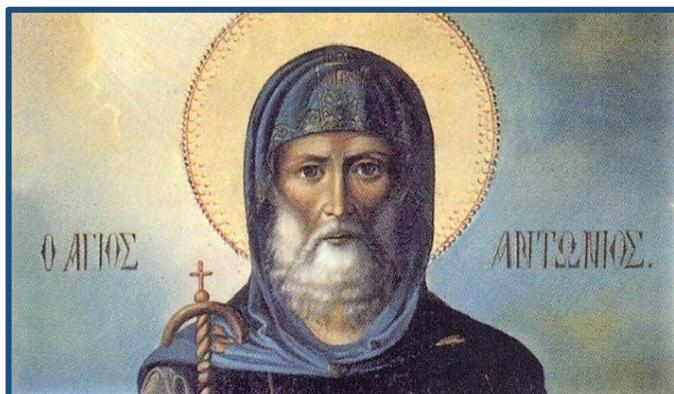
THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Available from the churches this weekend for \$2

This week's edition includes:

- Priests working in bushfire-ravaged districts of New South Wales and Victoria spoke of the "generosity of spirit" in the face of overwhelming destruction.
- Marian Valley is set to open the Blessed Peter To Rot shrine and about 80 PNG Catholics will join the local PNG Catholic Community for the occasion.
- Brisbane Catholics remembered Fr Joseph Flannery as a great pastor and dear friend following his death late last year.

SAINT OF THE WEEK - SAINT ANTHONY



St Anthony was born in 251 in upper Egypt. Died in 356. At an early age he gave away his possessions and sought the austere life and solitude in the desert. Yet he remained involved in the theological controversies of his day, defending the divinity of Christ. He attracted disciples who formed communities of hermits. The account of his life by Saint Athanasius (2 May) was extremely influential in the development and spread of monasticism. He is remembered as the father of monasticism.

If you have an item you would like considered for the newsletter please contact the Parish Office.

THE ORDER OF MASS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

PENITENTIAL ACT

*Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our
sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred
mysteries.*

**I confess to you almighty God
and to you my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault (*striking the breast*)
therefore I ask the blessed Mary ever-virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

*May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.*

GLORIA (when spoken)

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (*all bow*)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated
at the right hand of God the Father almighty,
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. **Amen.**

AFTER THE PREFACE

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

1. We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection,
until you come again.

OR: 2. When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

OR: 3. Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

*The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
May almighty God bless you
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
Go forth, the Mass is ended.
Thanks be to God*