

Please note:

Parish Office will be closed from 12pm Wednesday 23rd December and reopen Wednesday 13th January.

During January the office will only be open: Wed 13th/ Thurs 14th and Wed 20th/ Thurs 21st. Office hours will return to normal Wednesday 27th January:

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Anointing of the Sick **First Friday of the Month and will recommence Feb 2021**

St Cecilia's During 8.00am & 11.30am Mass and
St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

St Cecilia's Daily 7am-8am

St John Fisher 1st Friday 8.15 - 9.15am

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sat St Cecilia's & Wed St John Fisher (after the 8am mass)

Devotion to the Divine Mercy

St Cecilia's Fri after the 8am Mass

St John Fisher Fri after the 9:15am Mass

Fr Raul/Fr Alex and the Legion of Mary visit

Berkley Vale Nursing home 3rd Wednesday of the Month

prayer groups

St Cecilia's Rosary Group 2pm Tuesdays

St Cecilia's Legion of Mary 8am Wednesdays

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

Please call the parish office

PARISH BULLETIN,
10TH JANUARY & 17TH JANUARY 2021

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ST CECILIA'S CHURCH & ST JOHN FISHER MASS
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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Times

St Cecilia's Church

23 Byron St Wyong

Sat Vigil 5.00pm Sun 7.30am &
9.30am

St John Fisher Mass Centre

Hicks Lane Tumbi Umbi

Sat Vigil 5.00 pm Sun: 8.30am & 5pm

Weekday Mass

St Cecilia's : Mon-Sat: 8.00am

St John Fisher:

Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:00am

Tue & Fri: 9.15am

Reconciliation/Confession

St Cecilia's Saturday morning after

the 8am Mass & Saturday at 4.30pm

St John Fisher Saturday at 4.30pm



*Birthdays
and
Anniversaries*

Best Wishes

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Joanne Helm 5/1/1971
Janelle Murace 19/1/1971
Catherine Murace 18/1

Warmest Congratulations

ANNIVERSARIES

Pat and Gerard Byrne
30/1/1960 (60 Years)

AUSTRALIA DAY—TUESDAY 26TH JANUARY

Australia Day is an excellent time to remind ourselves of the great land that God has given us and to thank him for all the blessings that we take so much for granted – blessings like peace, freedom, caring friends, and loving families.

Come along to 8am Mass at St Cecilia's on Tuesday 26th January and give thanks to God for what's great about Australia, and to pray for continued blessings on this great South Land.

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE?

Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home?

Have you been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you have to do to become Catholic?

Statistics show that most people respond to a personal invitation. So this is that *personal invitation* and a challenge to all of you who might know someone who fits the categories above, invite that person.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults [RCIA] is the faith-stirring process by which adults seek a deeper knowledge and relationship with Jesus Christ and decide whether to commit themselves to the Catholic faith.

If you are: *Interested in becoming Catholic*

Never baptised or

Baptised in another Christian denomination

Come and join us. For further information, please contact the Parish Office 43 521011, Jo 0424 763 734 or speak to Fr Raul or Fr Alex after Mass.



KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

SICK: Len Miller, Victor Gibbs, Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs, Christine Heffernan, Jennese Thompson, Leeann Hazelton, Catherine Amey, Bernadette Kiely, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Margaret Hobbs, Christine, John Baxter, Joey Moloney, Noel Muir, Cathryn Sharkey, Jacqui Stacey, John Bof (Jnr), Josie Campbell, Frank Costa

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARY JANUARY: Sophie Roe, Peter White, Patricia Unger, Bill Martin, Tony Kerr, Armida Bito-on, Kevin Booth



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Sunday Mass 10 January 2021
BAPTISM OF THE LORD
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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 ISAIAH 12:2-6

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

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 ACCLAMATION OF JOHN 1:29

Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL MARK 1:7-11

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit'.

It was this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

REFLECTION 10th January the Baptism of the Lord

Baptism in Judaism in Jesus' time was done through immersion. One enters into the waters 'which recalls the death symbolism of the annihilating power of the ocean flood. One therefore 'dies' to sin which one confesses while being immersed in the water.

But the flowing waters of the river also symbolize life. As one emerges from the water, one is purified of the sinful past that burdens and distorts life. One becomes new again and starts a new life.

How does this apply to Jesus? He has no sins to confess, as pointed out by John himself: 'It is I who need baptism from you, and yet you come to me!' (Matthew 3:14). Rather, Jesus' lining up with sinners to receive baptism expresses his solidarity with sinful humanity; he takes the burden of humankind's guilt upon his shoulders and removes it by his resurrection.

Jesus' baptism is his 'anointing' by God, empowering him to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom. The Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus in bodily form like a dove. And the heavenly Father declares Jesus as his beloved Son, with whom he is well pleased. Receiving his 'credentials', Jesus begins his journey which will end in his death and resurrection.

Our own baptism opens for us 'the door' to a journey from a state of sin into a new life, as we are 'immersed' in water and rise from it. St Paul tells us the effect of this sacrament: 'We went into the tomb with him and jointed him in death, so that as Christ was raised from death by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life' (Romans 6:4).

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SUNDAY MASS 17 JANUARY 2021 THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 1 SAMUEL 3:3-10, 19

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me'. Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening"'. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 6:13-15, 17-20

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION JOHN 1:41, 17

Alleluia, alleluia! We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

GOSPEL JOHN 1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' - which means Teacher - 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock.

REFLECTION 17TH JANUARY

In the Synoptic tradition, the first to be called by Jesus were fishermen. The Gospel of John follows another tradition, Andrew and an unnamed companion were former disciples of John the Baptist who follow Jesus after John pointed him out as the Lamb of God, Then Andrew brings his brother Simon to Jesus (John 1:35-42). The call follows a paradigm: it is Jesus who chooses; it is also he who invites. But Jesus' invitation is made in total respect; he never forces. Freedom is essential to vocation, a freedom that appears as personal adherence and as loving gift. This call may even meet with refusal, as in the case of the rich man (Mark 10: 17-22). But when a positive response is given, something radical happens to the one called. Jesus changes the name of Simon to Cephas - meaning Rock. It is a sign of his mission and place in the community of Jesus' disciples.

In this Gospel it is important to note the role of Andrew in bringing his brother to Jesus. In the pastoral work of vocation promotion, Andrew can be a model for the Church. Andrew 'discovers' Jesus and his account of this discovery opens the way for the meeting of his brother and Jesus.

Vocation is an unfathomable mystery involving the relationship between a person and Jesus. However, the Church, the community of believers, is truly present and at work in the calling of a priest or a religious. The community is at work in the birth, discernment and care of each vocation. The members are like Andrew who, after knowing Christ, pave the way for other people to encounter him.

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