



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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St Patrick's, in communion with St Saviour's Primary School - Madonna Sleba (4637 1555)
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We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal peoples.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – Year A Saturday 11 January/Sunday 12 January 2020

Readings this weekend:

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will bless his people with peace. [Psalm 28]

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel Acclamation: 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 is Baptised]

The Art of Being a God Parent

I believe baptism to be one of the most beautiful sacramental moments of life. Maybe not always for the child, as they are usually too young to comprehend what is happening, but for those present it can be a wonderful moment of grace. This is especially true for godparents. They have been especially asked because of the role they have played in the parents life, and the gift they will then be to the child. So what are some of the aspects of being a Godparent? It is a gift that maybe we take all too lightly at times. During the baptismal ceremony a candle is lit for the child from the Easter candle and the priest says:

“Parents and godparents, receive the light of Christ. This light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ. He/she is to walk always as a child of the light. May you keep the flame of faith alive in their heart. When the Lord comes, may he/she go out to meet Him with all the saints of the heavenly kingdom.”

What an awesome responsibility. So what can a godparent do to show the sincerity of the task they are undertaking? On the day, they can show a willingness to be open to whatever the day brings accepting the Spirit as it comes, be present to the moment that is, choosing to receive the grace of the sacrament, support the parents in this endeavor, and be prayerful by leaving behind any hassles of the day.

Recently I read a book about baptism and it commented on godparents taking the day seriously even when it came to choosing the present. Apart from the straightforward gifts of Bibles, medallions etc. they suggested some accompanying gifts that add to the sense of connectedness to God and all creation. Here are some of those suggestions: **Gifts of light** – A candle with the details of the baptism on it; **Gifts of water** – A small fountain gives soothing sounds for a baby or music of the sounds of the ocean; **Gifts of nature** – New life and a connection to creation can be found in flowers or by planting a tree, or bulb in the garden or giving a goldfish; **Gifts of words** – A specially written poem for the day, a baptism record book, or a book about this new life of baptism with a special message inside the cover from you; **Gifts of music** – Some modern or traditional religious music; **Gifts to hold** – Something for the crib or rocker, squeezable toys of biblical characters, giving some every anniversary builds up an atmosphere of God's presence in their room; **Gifts of memory** – photo frames to keep photos of the baptism, an album to keep cards and photos for when the child is older.



Baptism of Rory
Eve Southern at
St. George.

*When was the last time you
contacted your God child?*

*Do it today -
they may need you!*

*God Bless,
Father Michael*



† **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:**

Trevor Norman [Toukley], Fr John Barry OSA.

May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.

† **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Kevin O'Neill,
Jan Klimkowicz, Eileen Veronica O'Keefe, Caroline Flohr,
Mary Keenan, Lyla Saide, Paul James Sullivan, Fr William Hall.

† **For all those who are ill in our community, especially,**

Jo Tuite, Elijah Rolls, Brian Swords, Margaret Bidgood, Rodney O'Keefe, Andrew Goode, Hayden Smith, Rita Berry, Juanita Umipig, Maria Brown, Patricia Whyte (nee Stark), Annie Makim, Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, George Pardon, Leo Ryan, Tina Hobson, Michael Cuskelly, Bev Boundy, Roslyn Pardon [nee Kearney], Joanne Essey [Sydney], Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Morgan O'Brien, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

† **For all those recently baptised:** Baptism of **Josephine Jean Melrose** daughter of John and Chloe and **Evie Anne Hogan** daughter of Brenden and Caitlin. *May the gift of the Holy Spirit grow throughout their lives.*

Reconciliation: 1st Rite available this Saturday, 9.00am – 10.00am at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Holy Hour at the Cathedral: Each third Wednesday between 5pm and 5pm there will be adoration at St Patrick's Cathedral. Consider some quiet time each month to reflect on life and faith.

Next time: 15/01/20.

At church without any change for the plate? You will now find a **Pay Point** located on the table at the Neil Street entrance. Simply tap your card – credit or debit – and you will donate \$10.00 to St. Patrick's Parish Community. Please consider an ongoing donation to assist us in our good works as a community.

Communion Ministers and Readers: A new Sunday roster will be drawn up soon. If you would like any changes made please contact the Parish Office on 4637 1500 as soon as possible. New Communion Ministers and Readers are always welcome. Training will be provided.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020: Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist will be celebrated in the first two terms of the school year, 2020. Our program begins with Enrolment Masses and Parent Information Sessions outlining the structure and background of the Sacraments. The parish will require a copy of your child's baptism certificate. The Reconciliation program [Term 1] will begin with a Parent Information Session on Tuesday 11 February 2020 at 7pm in the Cathedral Centre. **Sacramental Enrolment Forms are available from the Parish Office and should be completed prior to the first information evening.** Please contact the Parish Office to receive the program outline, and enrolment form, on 4637 1500, if you would like your child to participate in the program. Enrolment for Eucharist and Confirmation can be made at this time.

Father Hal is continuing to recover well. He is walking and moving fairly smoothly, but will need to stay in the back brace for some time to ensure no further damage occurs. Currently he is spending time on the coast with friends. Please continue to keep him in your prayers and thoughts. He thanks everyone for their support at this difficult time. He hopes to return to be with us in early February.

Sunday 12 Jan	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Monday 13 Jan	9am Mass STM	10.30am Mass at Brodribb 5.30-7pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 14 Jan	7am Mass 5.30pm Mass STM	12.30pm SPC Indoor Bowls
Wed 15 Jan	7am Mass	7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Thursday 16 Jan	7am Mass	9am Mass at Yukana
Friday 17 Jan	7am Mass 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Saturday 18 Jan	7am Mass 6pm Vigil	9am-10.00am First Rite of Reconciliation SPC
Sunday 19 Jan	7am Mass 9am Mass 5.30pm Mass	4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving \$1879.20; Loose \$2404.70 : Sam and Fina Ginardi and Wendy Heelan		