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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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With the feast today of the Baptism of the Lord we mark the close of Christmastide and the beginning of Ordinary Time—the thirty-four weeks in which the Church celebrates the mystery of Christ in all aspects.

In Advent we prepared ourselves for the coming of Christ, remembering His birth two-thousand years ago and in expectation of His coming again. At Christmas we celebrated the glory of God made incarnate—the revelation of God in Jesus Christ. At Epiphany we celebrated the revelation of God to the Gentiles—to the people of all the world as imaged in the Magi or three wise men. At the Baptism of the Lord the manifestation of God on earth and the beginning of His mission to draw all men and women back to Himself is fulfilled.

Each of these three events—Christmas, Epiphany, and the Baptism—is a theophany or the realisation of God's in-breaking into human history. First with the birth of God as a child, second with the star that led the Magi to the infant Christ, and with the Baptism by the voice from heaven and the showing of the Holy Spirit in the shape of a dove. These things tell us of the intimacy of God and His absolute desire to live with us so that we might live with Him.

We believe that we are baptised for the remission of



our sins, in particular, original sin. Our Lord, however, despite being fully human, like us in all things, was free of sin, so it is argued that there was no need for Him to be baptised. But the Lord sought to be baptised because He identified completely with the human condition; He felt our struggle with pain and suffering and death, our alienation from God and from each other and the isolation and loneliness we so often feel. He, as God, desired to share our life and our death with us so that by His utter reliance on His father, we might share in His divinity just as He shared in our humanity. Through His Baptism by St. John the Baptist in the waters of the Jordan River He accepted His human condition so that we might accept our condition and so become completely and wholly reliant on the grace of God as we were intended to from the beginning. In part it was the way that God sought to restore us to our original condition, to the life He had always intended for us to live—in peace, in joy, and without death.

The Lord's acceptance of Baptism was His acceptance of the human condition, which by His life, passion and death was transformed by the resurrection—the moment when God showed Himself to be greater than all things, even death itself.

THE BAPTISM *of* CHRIST

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HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Holy Rosary

Rosters

Altar Society

Readers

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Counters

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Traditional Latin Mass

Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,
11:30 a.m.

Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

Children's Liturgy

Rosters

Church Cleaning

Readers

Vigil

10:00 a.m.

Children's Liturgy

Counters

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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N O T I C E S

First Collection and Second Collection Contributions

With the current public health restrictions we are unable to take up our usual collections during Mass. Because of this, we have placed two boxes by the doors of the church for the first collection and the second collection. Your support of these collections is greatly appreciated.

The money raised in the first collection supports some of the works of the diocese. The money raised in the second collection directly supports the works of the parish and helps us to meet our expenses and to continue to meet the costs and expenses of operating the parish.

Thank you, especially, to those who are a part of the planned giving programme and use their envelopes to contribute each week to the parish. Your regular contributions are a great support.

You can also financially support the parish by arranging a direct debit. If you would like to set up a regular contribution, or even a one-off contribution, let us know and we will be happy to assist you with this. Or, if you would like to be part of the planned giving programme, we will be pleased to arrange a set of envelopes for you for regular contributions which greatly assist the parish in planning the work we carry out.

The Reception of Holy Communion Whilst Using Face Masks

The compulsory use of face masks in church makes the reception of Holy Communion difficult. We want to ensure that all are safe but we also need to ensure that Holy Communion is received with the utmost respect and reverence. We must always remember that when we receive Holy Communion we receive the Blessed Sacrament, which is truly the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ Himself.

To assist with the worthy reception of Holy Communion, the following suggestions are made: (i) just before receiving Holy Communion and when standing in front of the Priest, lower your mask by using one of the ear-loops or straps, then receive the Host and consume the Host whilst standing in front of the Priest, and then replace your mask; or (ii) leave your face mask on, receive the Host appropriately in your hand and then step to one side and, whilst facing the altar, use one hand to remove your mask and then consume the Host, and then replace your mask.

Please do not walk away from the altar without consuming the Host.

If you step to one side, please face the altar and consume the Host before returning to your pew.

N.S.W. Government Restrictions on Places of Worship

The N.S.W. Government has issued revised public health orders concerning places of worship. The revised restrictions mean that there is a limit of 100 people at Mass at any one time and that face masks must be worn inside the church by all those over 12 years old (unless exempted).

Previous restrictions remain in place including using hand sanitiser before entering the church and providing your full name, and the full names of family members with you, and a contact telephone number to assist N.S.W. Health with contact tracing, if required. When signing-in at the doors, please list each name on a separate line as this assists us with counting the number of people in attendance and ensuring that we do not exceed the 100 person limit.

Additionally, all those attending Mass are asked to maintain 1.5 metre distance between themselves and those not of their household, both inside and outside the church. The pews have been marked to assist with maintaining physical distancing.

Your assistance with these restrictions is appreciated and helps with the safety and well-being of all parishioners and ensures that we can continue to offer the sacrifice of the Mass publicly.



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**Prayer Of Pope Francis to Our Lady of Divine Love
to Protect the World
During the Coronavirus Pandemic**

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection.
Under your protection, we seek refuge,
Holy Mother of God.
Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial,
but deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

TEMPORARY SUNDAY MASS TIMES

SATURDAY
VIGILS

Holy Family Church 4:30 p.m.

Holy Trinity Church 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAYS

Holy Family Church 7:30 a.m.

Holy Family Church 8:30 a.m.

Holy Trinity Church 10:00 a.m.

Holy Trinity Church 3:00 p.m.

Holy Family Church 5:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays, Holy Family Church 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays, Holy Trinity Church 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

In order to allow as many people as possible to attend Mass
and to comply with N.S.W. Government legislation
regarding church occupancy limits and physical distancing,
additional temporary times for Mass have been arranged.

Please consider attending one of these additional times
so that we can ensure compliance with the restrictions that have been placed on us.

These times are temporary and will only remain in place
until physical distancing restrictions are removed.

*Please be aware that the N.S.W. Government will impose fines on the parish
and individually on those attending Mass if these limits are exceeded.*

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*Please support the good works
of our parish by your gift this Christmas
so that we can continue to offer to the glory of God
worship and service for our salvation
and for the salvation of all the world.*

The money you give to the second collection each Mass supports the day to day running costs of the parish and helps us to meet our repairs and maintenance costs to look after our churches, our halls, and our other buildings.

Like every family and every organisation the parish has many expenses to meet including electricity and water, telephone and internet, office and printing costs, and especially insurance.

These are in addition to the other costs which further support the works of the parish in public schools and the broader community.

Your gifts are a sign of your love and care for Our Lord and His holy Church in this place.

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.



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Saints & STUFF

THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

In Philippians 2, St. Paul tells us that "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord."

Small wonder, then, that the Church sets aside the first month of the year in honour of the Holy Name of Jesus. Through this devotion, the Church reminds us of the power of Christ's Name and encourages us to pray in His Name. In our society, of course, we hear His Name uttered quite often, but all too frequently, it is used in a curse or blasphemy. In the past, Christians would often make the Sign of the Cross when they heard Christ's Name uttered in such a manner, and that's a practice that would be worthwhile to revive.

This month, why not take a few minutes to memorise the Jesus Prayer, and pray it during those moments of the day when you are between activities, or travelling, or simply taking a rest?

Keeping Christ's Name always on our lips is a good way to ensure that we draw ever nearer to Him.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Baptism of Christ

1223 All the Old Covenant prefigurations find their fulfillment in Christ Jesus. He begins his public life after having himself baptised by St. John the Baptist in the Jordan. After his resurrection Christ gives this mission to his apostles: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

1224 Our Lord voluntarily submitted himself to the baptism of St. John, intended for sinners, in order to "fulfil all righteousness." Jesus' gesture is a manifestation of his self-emptying. The Spirit who had hovered over the waters of the first creation descended then on the Christ as a prelude of the new creation, and the Father revealed Jesus as his "beloved Son."

1225 In his Passover Christ opened to all men the fountain of Baptism. He had already spoken of his Passion, which he was about to suffer in Jerusalem, as a "Baptism" with which he had to be baptised. The blood and water that flowed from the pierced side of the crucified Jesus are types of Baptism and the Eucharist, the sacraments of new life.

CATHOLIC Trivia

THE FAITH OF A FIGHTER UFC LEGEND BAS RUTTEN

For MMA and UFC fans Bas Rutten needs no introduction. But for those who may not be familiar with the sport, he is one of the most legendary fighters in the game, known for his devastating strikes, aggressive and versatile style, and long string of victories.

What many may not realise, however, is that Bas Rutten is a devout, daily rosary praying, Mass-attending Catholic who brings all the intensity of a fighter to his spiritual life. He prays in Latin just because it makes the demons squirm, quotes St. Thomas Aquinas, studies the faith constantly, and can't wait to tell anyone who will listen about the riches the Catholic faith has to offer.

In a recent interview he said: "A real man sacrifices himself for others. Praying right and learning about our faith and living right is hard work. It is manly."

To read more of his interview go to www.catholicgentleman.net.



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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

The Readings

Introit

(Cf. Mt 3:16-17)

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened,
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,
and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First Reading

The Prophet 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. v.11)

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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.

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.

The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: "Glory!"
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood:
the Lord sits as king for ever. R.

Second Reading

The Acts of the Apostles

(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

(Mk 9:8)

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel of 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 at 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."

Communio (Jn 1:32, 34)

Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified
that this is the Son of God.