



January 9 and 10 2016 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR C

Isa 42:1-4,6-7; Psalm 103; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Mass Schedule for the Week

Monday	11 January	10.30am Mass	Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form)
Tuesday	12 January	NO MASS	
Wednesday	13 January	NO MASS	10.00am Pastoral Care meeting at 183 Rusden Road Mount Riverview. 7.00pm Bridge. P/C
Thursday	14 January	NO MASS	1.30pm Bridge. P/C
Friday	15 January	NO MASS	1.00pm Bowlers (new time). P/C
Saturday	16 January	NO MORNING MASS Reconciliation 4.45pm to 5.15pm 5.30pm Mass	
Sunday	17 January	7.30am & 9.30am Masses	2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

Over the next 6 weekends we welcome Fr Robert Anderson to our parish. Fr Robert will be celebrating the 5.30pm Vigil and the 7.30am and 9.30am Masses. He will also be available for Reconciliation from 4.45pm on Saturday evenings. Fr Robert will say Mass on **Australia Day at 9.30am**.
Ash Wednesday will have two Mass times, **9.15am and 7.30pm**.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR C SUNDAY, 10 JANUARY 2016

What did it mean for Jesus to come up out of the waters of the Jordan to experience the special presence of the Holy Spirit as though it were a dove, gently hovering over him? As a Jew, he would have been reminded both of the Divine Wind hovering over the void-become-creation, and of the dove bearing an olive twig as God restored humanity's life on earth after the Flood. The Holy Spirit was empowering Him for a re-creative role on behalf of humanity.

His second experience was to sense God's delight and joy sounding, reverberating through every fibre of his body, every reach of his soul: 'You are my beloved Son, my favour rests on you.'

Any baby, any adolescent, any adult who is baptised shares in these wonderful experiences. The dynamic power of the Holy Spirit hovers over the person as a gentle presence, preparing the one baptised for a mission on behalf of humanity. And every baptised person senses, below the range of hearing, the echo of the same marvellous words: "You are my beloved son or daughter, my favour rests on you."

Is it any wonder that Our Lord adopted this water rite to incorporate his followers into such wonderful experiences as a power-full impetus to fulfil their mission to cooperate in God's saving plan for humanity?

We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for the parent/s or other person/s who brought us into this tradition stretching over almost two millennia. May they be filled with all that flows from their being beloved sons and daughters of God. *Reflection by Fr Michael Tate*

On behalf of my family, we would like to thank Margaret and parishioners for their support at Pat's recent funeral. Your support helped to make the day so special, thank you all. Dorothea Walsh and family.

WELCOME to all visitors to our church today. We extend our warm greetings to you.
If you are new to St Finbar's and wish to join our Parish we welcome you too.
Please make yourself known to our friendly Wardens after Mass so we can give you our
"St Finbar's Parish Welcome and Information pack."

We are in for a treat on Saturday January 23rd at the Vigil Mass. A Filippo Choir will be playing music and singing at the Mass. Please welcome them.

A small super will be held after the Mass. Please bring a plate to share if possible.

HOW WILL YOU PREPARE FOR EASTER THIS YEAR?

Lent - the season of preparation for Christ's Resurrection at Easter, is for many Catholics a special time of prayer, fasting and renewed spiritual focus.

Lenten Group offers you an opportunity to explore the message of Jesus with others, to relate it to your own experiences and thereby to express it more fully in your daily life.

We invite you to join a Lenten Group and to journey to Easter with other members of our Parish Family. **We also need people willing to lead a group.** If you are interested, please call Mila on 4739 1470. It is a very rewarding way to prepare for Easter Season. More details about forming the groups later.



The Sisters of Charity are asking for donations of body lotions, shampoos, hair conditioners etc. to help the farmers' wives in the drought stricken areas of NSW. They will be distributed by the Sisters. For more information please contact Pat 4739 1717. Thank you.

Any donations may be brought to the Office during our normal hours.

MUSICIANS' MEETING.

Lent begins on the 10th February, so we need to meet on Sunday, 24th January to plan for Lent, the Easter Triduum and select - learn some new music for The Year of Mercy. This meeting will be straight after the 9.30 Mass, round 10.45 in the Parish Meeting Room. Each Group needs to be represented and as we need more members please bring along "a new face" with you.

Shortly before Christmas **Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP** contracted a gastrointestinal infection which was subsequently complicated by an immune-related pathology. This was later diagnosed as Guillain-Barre Syndrome. While the Archbishop is responding well to treatment in St Vincent's Hospital we are encouraging all Catholics to pray for Archbishop Fisher.

A Prayer to Jesus for Healing

Lord, look upon Archbishop Fisher with eyes of mercy, may Your healing hand rest upon him, may Your life-giving powers flow into every cell of his body and into the depths of his soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring him to wholeness and strength for service in Your Kingdom. Amen.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER is on the noticeboard in the Narthex.

Please check to see if you are rostered on for the following weekend.

NEW ROSTERS will be sent out within the next fortnight.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Patrick Walsh, Fr Brian Larkey, Johanna Kasyus (Tony and Jacqui Visser's sister) and Marilyn Barry (Gary Pursehouse's sister).

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Marcia Pereira, Matthew Jacka, Jim Daley, Fr Max Barrett CSSR (Jim's brother), Colin Haywood, Roslyn Agar, Lachlan Throughgood, Colleen Nolan, Anne Tucker (Sacramental Co-Coordinator from St Nicholas Parish), John Camilleri, Margaret Burley, Ray Smith (husband of Jan), Steven McCormack, Maddison Farrugia, Ken & Shirley Glover, Cliff McHardy, Peter van de Weyer, Ben Gibson and Emma Gleeson.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR IN JANUARY: Kathleen McFadden, Bruce Oxford, Phil Mason, John Castor, Phillip Coburn, Patrick Egan, Lachlan Turnbull, Andrew Patterson, Margaret Lane, John Brown, Rosanna O'Loughlin, Michael O'Connor, Dr. Michael McGirr, Jeremy Crawley, Paul Hammerton, Henriette Harrington, Monica Cashman, Peter Burrett, Fredrick Casey, John Halligan, Lillie Ferrie, Amanda McCulloch, Thomas Nolan and Stella Ryan.