

WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF

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**As we come to worship we remember the Bangerang & Yorta Yorta People, the original custodians of this land
We commit ourselves to actively working alongside Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice.**

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

13th JANUARY 2013



'While praying, the Holy Spirit came down on him.'

Luke 3.21-22 Good News Bible
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Take your mind off the heat and enjoy a cuppa and a chat after Mass today in the Mercy Centre.



FR. FRANK SHORTIS

Congratulations to Fr. Frank Shortis who was ordained a Carmelite Priest at St Augustine's on 11th January 1953 by Bishop Bernard Stewart.

Our prayers, blessings and best wishes are with Fr. Frank as he celebrates with family and friends and the Carmelite family at Whitefriars College, Donvale, Melbourne on Sunday.

THE NEW COMMUNITY BIBLE

For a limited period we can purchase copies of the New Community Bible (Catholic Edition), for \$11.00. This is a St Paul's Publication and a beautiful edition of the Bible. There is a sample copy and an order list in the Narthex if you would like to purchase one.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN MARRIAGE CELEBRATION

The annual Diocesan Marriage Day celebration will be held at the 11am Mass on Sunday 10th February in the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

An invitation is extended to married and engaged couples and families to gather and celebrate the gifts marriage provides. The celebration provides a unique opportunity for our community to share and proclaim our beliefs in a way that is affirming and life-giving to deeply held values shared by many in our wider community.

We pray for



Those who have died recently	Jason Betts; Shirley Gow (Debbie Worm's Grandmother); Veronica Rosella (one month); Paul Atley; Caterina Sibio; Brian Woodwood
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Theodorus Worm; Joe Ciavarella; Giuseppe LoPiccolo
Our sick and their carers	Vin Patterson; Alma Fitzgerald; Geraldine Sullivan; Colin Mason; Heather Carter; Lawrie Dwyer; Max Davies;*** James Joseph Bowman; Jeanne Vengta; Giuseppe LoPiccolo

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK: 14th – 20th JANUARY

DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM
Monday	14	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	15	5.30pm (Int. Theodorus Worm)	No Mass
Wednesday	16	9.15am	5.00pm (Int J Bowman)
Thursday	17	No Mass	9.15am
Friday	18	9.15am	No Mass
Saturday	19	6.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	20	8.00am	10.00am
ROSARY		Tues 5.15pm Wed 9:00am Fri 9:00am	
RECONCILIATION		11:30am	

There is a great happiness in not wanting, in not being something and in not going somewhere.

J Krishnamurti 1895-1986

MASS	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	COUNTERS
Sat Jan 19th 6.00pm	Denice Bourke	Sasha Finlayson	Margaret Corrigan	E Leahy D Turvey	J Scrimizzi, G Ranson D. Woodman	L & D Worm
Sun Jan 20th 8.00am	Keith Stewart	Betty Curtis	Simon Cowan	K & M Grumley	L Cowan, C Coulston, T Warnett	

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Creator God,
At Baptism,
we accepted the call to follow Jesus.
Be with us
as we move along on our faith journey.
Send us your Holy Spirit,
that we might have wisdom for the journey.
Help us to develop and share our gifts as good stewards,
that we may use them
in love and service in your Kingdom.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

JANUARY DIARY DATES

Mon	14	SVDP Meeting 9.30am at the Centre
Tues	15	
Wed	16	
Thurs	17	Feast of St Anthony
Frid	18	
Sat	19	
Sun	20	
Mon	21	Feast of St Agnes
Tues	22	
Wed	23	
Thurs	24	Feast of St Francis de Sales
Frid	25	
Sat	26	
Sun	27	

PARISH PRAYER

God our Father, bless our two Parishes so that we may love you more.
Help our parents to give good example to their children
and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians.
Encircle our families with your loving care.
To the sick grant health, to the aged bring serenity and to those in sorrow, joy.
May each parishioner grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Space for Grace - The Baptism of the Lord

The voice of the Father was heard:
"This is my beloved Son, with him I am well pleased."
What greater praise could a father speak to his child!
I am well pleased with you...
By the way you live...
By the way you love...
By the way you stand up for justice.
Today, Lord, may I live and love so that tonight, as I prepare for rest, I, too will hear your voice saying: "You are my beloved child. In you I am well pleased."





Liturgical Jottings

The preface for the Baptism of Jesus reads: "It is our duty ... to give you thanks, almighty and eternal God, for in the waters of the Jordan you have revealed with signs and wonders a new Baptism." This new Baptism is vital to the life of our faith community because every Baptism that takes place in our community is a renewal of faith in the Word of God living amongst us. That is why all present at each and every baptism are asked to express their faith in the almighty and eternal God.

On the Lighter Side



Today we read in the passage from Isaiah: "Let every cliff become a plain." It comes after weeks of frenzied discussion about America's fiscal cliff. Let us hope, for the sake of peace, that this cliff duly becomes a fiscal plain.

Looking at the Readings

The people from our diocese who went on the pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2012 were moved by the experience of renewing their baptismal vows in the water of the Jordan River. Some immersed themselves in the water; others were sprinkled with water.

There are some remarkable convergences in their story. First there is the continuity between the water in which Jesus was baptised, the water that flows in the Jordan today and the water with which we are baptised. Somehow this makes the self-gift of God in Jesus more real to us, as close to our daily lives as water itself.

More important, however, is that the transformation that took place in the life of Jesus as the result of his baptism by his relative John is the same in essence as the transformation that took place in our lives at Baptism. Basically we are affirmed by Baptism as sons and daughters of God and affirmed in our calling to live as sons and daughters of God. The Gospel reading today makes it clear that Jesus was baptised with water and the Holy Spirit and that is also true for us.

It is interesting to reflect on the role of John the Baptist in the unfolding of this mystery. His relationship with Jesus really began when Mary visited Elizabeth during their pregnancies so John was the ideal person to play the role of precursor. His part in preparing the way for the public ministry of Jesus is so critical that he is sometimes referred to as the last and greatest of the prophets. While this is a good and true depiction of his ministry it is also true that his ministry continues on. Each one of us is invited to continue preparing the way of the Lord.

The full meaning of the ritual carried out by John the Baptist is affirmed by the final line of today's gospel reading when a voice from heaven is heard to say, "You are my Son, the Beloved. My favour rests on you."

Quotable Quote

To speak of the Spirit is to identify the love that God is as continually self-giving, in eternity and in time. God's loving is not only a once and all time event in our historical past, but also a transforming energy communicating itself in all times, places and lives. The Church to express the divine source and character of Love, for it is that part of the world that has been awakened to the all-embracing mystery of Love at work. The mission of the Church in all its words and deeds, its sacred scriptures, its liturgy and sacraments, and its living witness, is to communicate what it has received on part of all. Anthony J Kelly in his book *God is Love*

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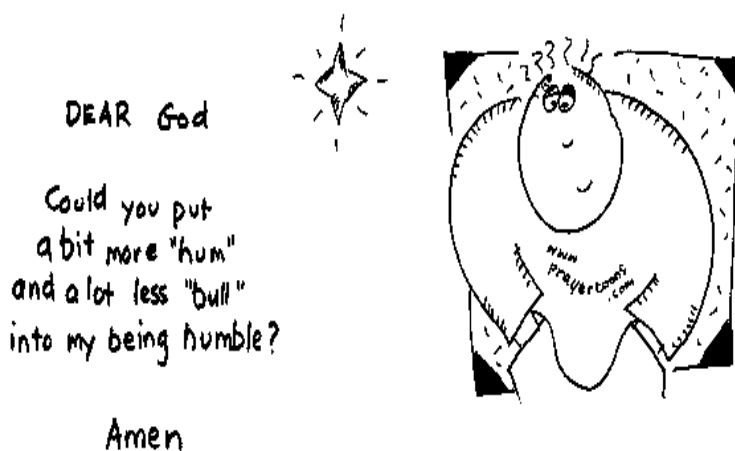
CARITAS PACIFIC EMERGENCY APPEAL Cyclone Evan hit the Pacific region just prior to Christmas, with devastating impact in Samoa and Fiji. Many homes are destroyed leaving communities without clean water, food, sanitation. At a time when we are celebrating with family, thousands of families in the Pacific region have been made homeless! Caritas Australia works throughout the year in the Pacific region and, with our local partners, is making a real difference but presently is having to deliver life-saving supplies to these communities and will need this to continue into the near future. Further information see noticeboard. To help please go to www.caritas.org.au phone 1800 024 413 or post Box 130 Numurkah 3636

Humour

A Sunday school teacher said to her children:
'We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times.
But, there is a Higher Power. Can anybody tell me what it is?'
One child blurted out, 'Aces!'

Quote

'Live like Jesus did and the world will listen.'
- Mahatma Gandhi



Why did Jesus choose to be baptized?

'Why did Jesus choose to be baptized by John? One answer we might give lies in the revelation of divine humility. The Son of God not only washed the feet of sinners, he allowed himself to be numbered with them. It is significant that here, at the beginning of Christ's ministry, the revelation of his divine sonship is also the revelation of the Father and the Holy Spirit.

'There is a gentle approval in the tender words of the Father and the presence of the Spirit in the form of a graceful dove, as the Son of God submits to baptism with a loving humility. The Christmas season began with the Incarnation which shows God's love for our humanity. It ends with the feast of Christ's baptism in which Christ publicly identifies with sinners to the approval of Father and Spirit. He will keep company with sinners to the very end of his life on the cross.'

- Excerpt from a reflection by Fr John Kenrick OP

Nothing will content those who are not content with a little!

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