

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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SUNDAY – 10th January 2021

Baptism of the Lord Year B

ANNIVERSARIES:

Hugh Briody, Agnes Hocking, Mick Mulcahy, Anne Pearce, Louis Franc, Terry Ryan, Michael Huska, Gary Hall, Richard Stevens, Frank O'Brien, Mary Kirkpatrick, Pat Young & Alice Hucker.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Roger Molomby, Graeme Dawson, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy Fr Adrian McInerney, Valda Murphy, Michael Wise, and all those in need of prayer

ROSTERS

Introduction & Readings

Today: Maurice Barwick
Jan 17th: Bernadette Franc

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: Sue Mahony
Jan 17th: Bernadette Franc

Assembly Leaders

Jan 17th: Maurice Barwick & Sue Mahony

Special Minister

Jan 17th: Gail Hall

Music

Today: Sue Mahony
Jan 17th: Sue Mahony

Church Cleaning, Linen & Flowers

Jan 17th & 24th: Sue Mahony & Kim Trung

Church Grounds

Jan 17th & 24th: Jim Mahony

Newsletter:

January: Carmel Milenkovic 0407 320 759

MASS TIMES

Sunday 17th January

2nd Sunday in Ordinary time
10.00 LLA

Covid Safe Measures Apply to all Services

Contact surfaces sanitized - Contact details collected – Scan the QR Code - Hand sanitizing required - Social distancing - If you are unwell stay home - Entry side door & Exit rear door

WATER is the main symbol of baptism. Water represents washing clean, rebirth and renewal.

Water is a perfect symbol, as it contains so many rich and significant meanings: First and foremost, water is an absolutely essential element for life.

Water contains so many meanings within itself..... Health and life, danger and threat, renewal and Destruction. When we think of water, we can imagine the sheer force and danger of flood waters, and the power and unexpected force of frozen glaciers. All over the world we have seen the effects of the power of water. Water represents both enormous power and also soothing, renewing, gentleness, as well as cleansign, washing and restoring.

Water and baptism. Baptism is a word that literally means "Plunge," and we believe that Baptism is not just a sign of following Jesus, but that Baptism unites us to Jesus, (grafts us onto him), and makes us one with his life and with the life of all other believers in Jesus. Being baptised, (water poured over us, or plunged into water), is a powerful and wonderful way of showing that by following Jesus we want to 'immerse' or "plunge" ourselves into Jesus' and his way of life.

In baptism, we become a beloved and cherished daughter or son of God. We become adopted and loved children of the same Heavenly Father as Jesus. God the Father is so generous, so lavish in love and praise, that the gospel today tells us the Father tears the heavens apart and pours down the most wonderful praise and encouragement and confidence and blessing upon his beloved son, Jesus.

