



Catholic Parish of  
**St Mary Queen of Heaven,  
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**Sunday Masses:**

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8 & 10am

**Weekday Masses:**

Tuesday: 6pm

Preceded by Rosary/Novena – 5.30pm

Wednesday - Friday: 9am

Preceded by Rosary -8.45am

**Vietnamese  
 Masses:**

Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 5.30pm



**Reconciliation:**

Saturday 4-4.30 pm  
 or by appointment

**Thank You**

*to all parishioners who have helped in any way throughout 2021.  
 Your help has made many things possible.  
 Let's keep working together.*

*Special thanks to those who came to help with packing away the  
 Christmas decorations in our church.*

**Covid-19 is still spreading.**

**QR or signing in, mask wearing, and sanitizing hands and social distancing are still mandatory.  
 Please think of others and get vaccinated if you have not already done so.**

**New Year's Resolutions**

What about giving some of your time to some of our parish ministries?  
 Please, if you can play a musical instrument, we would love to hear from you.  
 There are some lonely people in our parish who would appreciate a visit or phone call.  
 What about coming to a weekday mass if you are retired or simply have the time?

**What are those Christmas Envelopes for?**

The money from those envelopes goes to a central fund that attends to the needs of  
 priests of the Archdiocese. These include sick priest, priests in special works,  
 migrant chaplains, and priests on further studies.  
 Some of these priests are often 'out of sight, out of mind' but they do need to be supported.  
*Please give them some thought especially at this time.*

**+Please Remember in your prayers:**

**Sick:** Irma Buoro, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Eileen Ellery, Bourke Gibbons, Kerry Gibbons, Marcel Götz, Rose-Tariaz Haddad, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, Vic Ryan, David Saunders, John Sanders, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Cornelius Van Baardwyk, Margaret Ward and all infected with COVID-19.

**Recently Deceased:** Barry Hishion, Ken Durnford, Ian Urquhart, Rev Mother Sr Carmel Bambridge, John Ball and all who have died from Covid-19.

**Anniversary:** Doug Sheddon

**Ministry Rosters**

Lay Ministry Roster - the new roster (Jan-June 2022) has been emailed to our volunteers and copies are available in the church - if you didn't receive an electronic copy, but want one, please email: [parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com)

**Safeguarding our Parish**

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or Email: [safeguardingenquiries@svdneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@svdneycatholic.org).

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

**Our parish has a folder with Safeguarding information** in the church - parishioners are welcome to view.

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**The Baptism of the Lord** Year C

9 January 2022



**This feast now concludes the Christmas season.**

Commemorates the revelation of Jesus as God's beloved Son, the Christ, anointed by the Spirit.

As we reflect on Christ's baptism, we are reminded of our own baptism.

Because of our baptism, God is saying to us:

*"You are my beloved child, my favour rests on you"*



**Happy New Year to All**



**Let us give thanks to God  
 for all we received in 2021**

**We ask God's Blessings for 2022**





### Gospel Acclamation See 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 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

*When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.*

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

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.

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# The Living Word

The Baptism of the Lord, Year C

9 January 2022

## First Reading Is 42:1-4. 6-7

*Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.*

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.*

1. 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.)*

2. 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.)*
3. 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 Acts 10:34-38

*God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.*

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.'