



Sacred Heart of Jesus Cathedral

DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

SUNDAY 10TH JANUARY 2021

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR B

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Sacred Heart Cathedral sits on the traditional country of the Awabakal and Worimi peoples.



We acknowledge their cultural heritage, beliefs and their continuing relationship with the land, pay respect to their Elders past, present and future, and commit ourselves to working together for reconciliation and justice.



In today's Gospel we hear Jesus is immersed in the waters of the River Jordan. Each of us has been incorporated into Our Lord's Baptism. At whatever age we received Baptism, the Heavens were opened and Divine love and power streamed from Heaven to earth. The Holy Spirit, Divine Lover of humanity, hovered gently. Deep down, at the intimate wellspring of life, the Divine Voice was heard: **'You are my beloved daughter'** or **'You are my beloved son, my favour rests on you.'**

Pause for a moment to pray that we might wake up each morning with that Divine Voice ringing in our ears, and then re-echo it in our lives.

CATHEDRAL DIARY...(for the week ahead)

First Week of Ordinary Time

Monday—11 January

8:15am Mass

Tuesday—12 January

8:15am Mass

Wednesday—13 January

8:15am Mass

Thursday—14 January

8:15am Mass

Friday—15 January

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

11am Reconciliation (until midday)

12:05pm Mass

Saturday—16 January

8.50am Rosary

9.15am Mass, followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and then Reconciliation until 11am

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday—17 January

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Mass (Live streamed)

11:30am Polish Mass

5pm Mass

LIVE-STREAMING NOTICE

The 9.30am Mass from Sacred Heart Cathedral is live-streamed (and recorded) each week. The camera is located under the choir loft and faces towards the sanctuary, though it can be directed to various parts of the Cathedral if needed.

Parishioners should be aware that they may be filmed during the celebration of the 9.30am Mass. This filming will mostly capture their image from behind. We cannot guarantee, however, that their faces will not be featured on the live-stream or recording, particularly the case during the Communion Procession. The live-stream will make use of multiple camera angles to minimise the identification of individuals as much as possible, but this will not eliminate the possibility of being filmed.

Parishioners with concerns about being filmed or recorded should speak with the Cathedral's Rector in the first instance.

The Cathedral is served by a hearing loop—use the setting marked "T".

THE SERVANT MESSIAH

When Jesus approaches John for baptism, John recognises him as the Messiah that John has been preaching about, the one for whom he was preparing the way. Recognising the significance of the moment, John tries to reverse roles and force Jesus into a superior role to himself.

But Jesus says let's just do it like this for now and 'do all that righteousness demands'. In the gospel of Matthew, whenever Jesus speaks about fulfilling the demands of righteousness or doing what is righteous, he is speaking about carrying out the will of God; acting in accordance with the covenant relationship between God and the people.

It would have been easy for Jesus to accept John's offer to exchange places. In many ways perhaps he would have liked to do so as a way of acknowledging the great work John had done.

But part of the demands of righteousness that Jesus needed to fulfil was to be the sort of Messiah that did not sit within normal expectations. Part of his fulfilment of God's will was to be a servant Messiah rather than a powerful, avenging Messiah for which many of the people hoped and prayed.

To have exchanged places with John would have been to say, here I am, I am greater than John and I am here to show you all the way. Rather, by submitting to John's baptism he does indeed show the way – the way of humility and gentleness. We are assured of the rightness of Jesus' actions immediately because, upon his rising from the water, the voice of God affirms favour and approval upon Jesus. In the first test of his will, Jesus has acted in accordance with the will of God.

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WELCOME!

Fr John Vien Vo is from Nha Trang Diocese in Vietnam and he has been ministering in our Diocese at the Sugarloaf and East Lake Macquarie Parishes.

He joins our City Pastoral Region to minister to the Tighes Hill and Broadmeadow communities.

We welcome him to the Region!



COVID-19-RELATED INFORMATION

Maximum Number of Persons in Cathedral

Under the current Public Health Order, the limit on the number of persons who can be present in a church is now calculated by allowing 2 square metres per person within the building (with no upper limit).

In the Cathedral, that limit is **221 persons**.

The limit applies to all Masses and other liturgical celebrations.

Provision of Contact Details

The Public Health Order requires the collection of contact details for those who attend any liturgical celebration in a church (e.g. Mass, weddings, funerals, Baptisms, etc.).

Every person must provide their contact details or have them provided by someone else (i.e. a parent for a child, a wife for a husband, etc.).

The contact details that are required are defined as a) name, b) phone number or email address, and c) the time of arrival.

NB: It is important that you write your FULL name, and print clearly so that it can be easily read by someone from outside the Parish (if necessary).

A Contact Details Form will be provided at the door to permit the collection of these details. It is also possible to use your mobile phone with either the Service NSW QR Code or the third-party QR Code which are accessible via the posters at the doors.

General Requirements

While in the Cathedral, you must observe physical distancing, refrain from physical acts of devotion, avoid unnecessary contact with other parishioners, and not gather with others unnecessarily.

We ask those who are particularly at risk – the elderly, those with compromised health, those who are sick – to refrain from returning to Mass for the sake of their own health. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass given by the Bishop remains in place in these circumstances.

ST BENEDICT'S PARISH MEN'S BREAKFAST

A planning meeting for our activities in 2021:
Saturday 16th January 11.15 am – ALL welcome.
Bennett Hotel - 146 Denison Street, Hamilton
(Covid safe)

We already have some interesting guest speakers lined up. Suggestions regarding speakers or other matters welcomed. Neil Jones 0410 572 579

REGIONAL NOTICES

Bookclub: Our next meeting is at 6.00pm on **Sunday, 7th February** to share thoughts on the book, *One Bright Moon*, by Andrew Kwong.

If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please send an email to the Regional Office, newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COURSE 2021

The Christian Formation Course (CFC) is a face-to-face learning experience that allows participants to explore their life's journey and their faith within the Catholic Tradition. This one-year course introduces participants to scripture, theology, church history, sacramental life, and liturgy. The course runs across twelve months and comprises of eight units. Commencing on Tuesday February 2, 2021, no prerequisite formation or qualification is required to enrol. All who complete the Course are awarded a diocesan Certificate in Christian Formation.

To enrol in the Christian Formation Course in 2021:
<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/christian-formation-course/>

A CALL FOR DELEGATES DIOCESAN SYNOD: SESSIONS 2 & 3

On 8th August 2019 Bishop Bill convoked the Maitland-Newcastle Diocesan Synod – Building the Kingdom of God Together. Session One – Celebration – was held on 21st November 2019. Session Two – Discernment – will be held on 22nd May 2021 and Session Three – Implementation – on 20th November 2021.

Parishes are being asked to nominate delegates to receive an invitation from Bishop Bill to attend Sessions Two and Three. If you are interested in being a participant in, or contributing to the Synod, please contact the Parish Office on 4979 1101.

For further information on the role of a Delegate please go to <https://domnsynod.com.au/get-involved/delegates/>

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 15 JANUARY 2021

TODAY'S LITURGY

ENTRANCE HYMN

WHEN JESUS CAME TO JORDAN

When Jesus came to Jordan
To be baptized by John
He did not come for pardon
But as God's Holy One
He came to share repentance
With all who mourn their sins
To speak the vital sentence
With which good news begins

He came to share temptation
Our utmost woe and loss
For us and our salvation
To die upon the cross
So when the dove descended
On Him the Holy One
The hidden years had ended
The age of grace began

PENTITENTIAL RITE

GLORIA

*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.*

We praise You. We bless You. We adore you.
We glorify You.

We give You thanks for Your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only-begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father:
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the holy one. You alone are the Lord.
You alone, are the most high Jesus Christ.
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

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

We pause for silent reflection.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

God indeed is my saviour,
I will never be afraid.

My strength and courage is the Lord
My saviour and my song. (R.)

Give thanks and praise the name of God!
Sing out to all the earth
The wondrous deeds that God has done!
Our saviour and our song. (R.)

Shout with joy, O Zion
for dwelling in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel
Your saviour and your song. (R.)

SECOND READING: Acts 10: 34-38

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power

We pause for silent reflection.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Mt 2:2)

Alleluia, Alleluia

The heavens were open, God's voice was heard. This is my son, listen to him.

Alleluia

GOSPEL: Matthew 3: 13-17

When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him.

We pause for silent reflection.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down
from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of
the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of Heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into Hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father
almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.
Amen

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF GIFTS: YOU HAVE ANOINTED ME

To bring glad tidings to the lowly
To heal the broken heart

You have anointed me

To proclaim liberty to captives
Release to prisoners

You have anointed me

Your Spirit, O God, is upon me

You have anointed me

To announce a year of favour
To comfort those who mourn

You have anointed me

To give them the oil of gladness
And share a mantle of joy.

You have anointed me

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess
your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION HYMN

WHEN JESUS COMES TO BE BAPTIZED

When Jesus comes to be baptized,
He leaves the hidden years behind,
The years of safety and of peace.
To bear the sins of all mankind.

The Spirit of the Lord comes down,
Anoints the Christ to suffering,
To preach the word, to free the bound,
And to the mourner, comfort bring.

He will not quench the dying flame,
And what is bruised he will not break,
But heal the wound injustice dealt,
And out of death his triumph make.

Our everlasting Father, praise,
With Christ, his well-beloved Son,
Who with the Spirit reigns serene,
Untroubled Trinity in One.

Text: Stanbrook Abbey, 1971 Melody Conditor alme siderum

RECESSIONAL HYMN

SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar;
Branch of royal David's stem
In thy birth at Bethlehem;
Praises be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.
Praises be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

2. Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana, wedding guest,
In thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine,
Changing water into wine;
Praises be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.
Praises be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

Text: 77 77 D; Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.

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HOW LONG IS THE CHRISTMAS SEASON?

It depends on our understanding of “Christmas season.” The Church marks the end of the Christmas season this Sunday, on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. However, others measure the Christmas season differently, and even within the Church, the various feasts and observances can differ, including the “Octave of Christmas,” and the famous Twelve Days of Christmas. And some people keep their Christmas tree up until February!

Here is a rundown of the different ways of measuring “Christmas time.”

Christmas Day

After sunset on December 24 – sunset December 25

For the Church, Christmas Day begins not at midnight, but with the celebration of Mass following sunset on Christmas Eve. This follows the ancient Jewish way of keeping liturgical time. (This way of marking “sacred time” is also the reason we attend Sunday Mass on Saturday evening.) Similarly, Christmas Day ends (liturgically, anyway) at sunset.

Octave of Christmas

December 25 – January 1 (inclusive)

An *octave* extends the celebration of a feast or solemnity for eight days. During the Octave of Christmas, for example, all the readings and prayers during the celebration of Mass are related to the birth of Christ. Octave celebrations got their start in the Church way back in the fourth century. (The “octave day” (eighth day) of Christmas is January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

The Twelve Days of Christmas (Christmastide)

December 26 – January 6 (or Epiphany)

Amazon and other retailers run “12 Days of Christmas” sales during the twelve days leading up to Christmas, but traditionally, the twelve days of Christmas begin on December 26 and end on January 6, the traditional date of Epiphany. (Other traditions mark the twelve days beginning Christmas Day and ending January 5, the day before Epiphany.) Many Christians continue to celebrate Twelfth Night with special foods and traditions.

Since 1970, Roman Catholics have celebrated Epiphany on the first Sunday after the Octave of Christmas (that is, the first Sunday after January 1) . . . which kind of messes up the whole twelve nights tradition. However, the twelve days of Christmas and Twelfth Night are not official liturgical celebrations, but more of a popular tradition.

The Christmas Season (for Catholics)

December 25 – The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Roman Catholics (and some other Christians) mark the end of the liturgical Christmas season with the celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls on the Sunday after the Feast of the Epiphany (usually the second Sunday of January). Ordinary Time begins the day after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Fun fact: Centuries ago, the baptism of Christ was the primary event celebrated as part of the feast of the Epiphany, along with the visit of the Magi and other events from the childhood of Jesus. *Epiphany* means “manifestation” or “appearance.” So while the baptism of Christ marks the beginning of his public ministry, it is also part of his “manifestation” or “appearance”—one of the events signaling that God has broken into human history in a unique way.

Bonus! The Presentation of the Lord

December 25 – February 2 (The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord)

But wait, there’s more! The Church circles back around to the Christmas season forty days after Christmas, on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. The Law of Moses required first-born sons to be dedicated to the Lord, so Mary and Joseph dutifully brought the baby Jesus to the Temple for his dedication and circumcision (Luke 2:22-38). In some countries (and some households), it is traditional to keep Christmas decorations up until this feast. Note the importance of the forty days!

This feast is also traditionally known as Candlemas; centuries ago, the feast was accompanied by a candlelight procession and a blessing of beeswax candles from the home.

Every day is Christmas

For Catholics, every day is, in the most basic sense, Christmas. That’s because every day, the Word becomes flesh in the sacraments, particularly the Eucharist; and through the sacraments, the people of God become of the Body of Christ in the world. Just as Mary’s “yes” made her an instrument of God’s incarnation in the world, by our “yes,” we too birth the Son of God into the world.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Members Needed!

Our Members are the backbone of the St Vincent de Paul Society and live their faith in action by providing support and friendship through visitation in-home or within the community.

Along with visitation, Members will also have the opportunity to be a part of a variety of activities such as Mini Vinnies with local schools or Social Justice campaigns.

In the 2019-2020 Financial Year, the dedicated Members of the St Vincent de Paul in Maitland-Newcastle Diocese were responsible for assisting approximately 7500 people within the community.

Our Conferences provide a service in most regions within the Diocese and is currently seeking individuals to become Members who are passionate about providing a hand up to those that are disadvantaged.

If you can help in any way for any amount of time that suits you, please call Sarah Kemp on 02 4922 1801 or email on sarah.kemp@vinnies.org.au to discuss how you can make a difference.



IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jack Evans, Maisie Owens, Bernard Michaelson, Annie Kelly.

ANNIVERSARIES: Marian Bridges, Sylvia Fitzpatrick, Josephine Timbs, Catherine Harrington.

SICK: Lee Murphy

Names may be placed here by contacting the Regional Office. Please refer to the Policy Document on the Regional website: www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/downloads



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19
1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20
John 1:35-42

A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN (CACW)

As 2021 begins there is much to look forward to for the women of our Diocese.

Early in 2020 the Council of Catholic Women (CACW) was disbanded. As a result, members of the former Diocesan contact group have faced the challenge of keeping our diocesan women informed and included in future directions as new beginnings are sought.

As part of the ongoing efforts, some members of the former contact group have written to Bishop Bill suggesting the forming of a Diocesan Council for Women.

While waiting for Bishop Bill to respond, **a meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 11 February 2021 at 4pm in the Toohey Room.** Please enter this date in your diary.

The vision of this small organising group is to include all Diocesan women through conversations, visits or Zoom in all parts of the Diocese and across all interest groups that are inclusive, reflective and fun.

The annual Magdalene Awards will take a break in 2021 but will be replaced by a celebration of Women in our Diocese. On International Women's Day—Sunday 7 March—Bishop Bill will mark the occasion at the 9.30am Mass in the Cathedral. It is hoped that it will be possible to come together afterwards for a morning tea, but this will depend on the prevailing COVID-19 restrictions.

Parishes will also be invited to recognise women in their local communities through prayer and, hopefully, hospitality.

GOSPEL FOCUS—LEAVE IT LIKE THIS

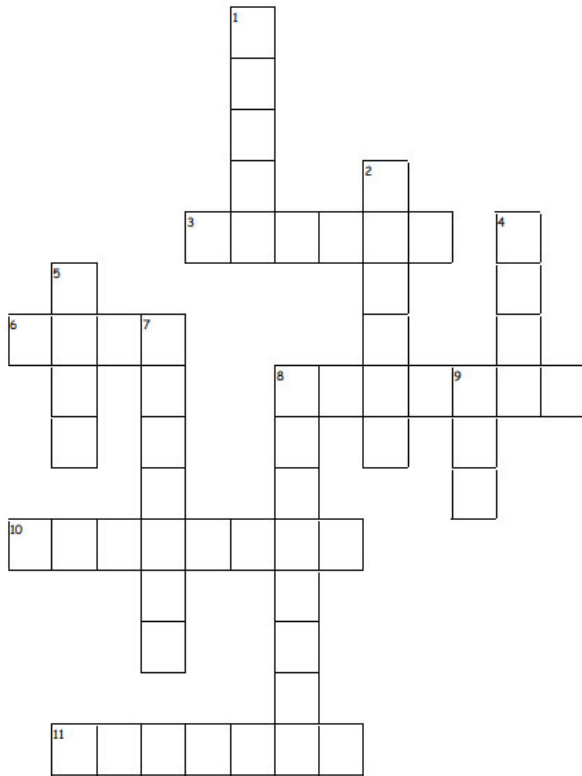
There is comfort to be found in the words Jesus spoke to John, 'Leave it like this for the time being'. We can sometimes be frustrated by the slow pace of change in the world and in our own lives – we often want things to happen immediately, if not yesterday! But Jesus' words convey a sense that there is an order to things and a right time for them to come about. 'Leave it like this for the time being' says, let things unfold in their own time without being anxious; work for change, but there is a proper time for things.

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CROSSWORD

You are my own dear son

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



Across

- 3: the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus while he did this
- 6: the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus in this form
- 8: to be happy with something
- 10: to become one of God's people
- 11: footwear commonly worn in biblical times

Down

- 1: John baptised people with this
- 2: a voice was heard coming from this place
- 4: John told people of a man who would baptise them with the Holy Spirit and with _____
- 5: the cousin of Jesus who baptised people with water
- 7: extremely happy
- 8: strong and mighty
- 9: the vast space above the earth

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

God will bring justice to all the earth

Is 42:1-2, 4, 6-7
Ps 29:3abde-4, 3cde & 9ef-10, R, 11b Ps
Acts 10:34-38
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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Try to find these words:

baptised
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excited
foreign
healing
John
message
powerful
sandals
servant
strong
worships