

## **Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George**

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Our Lady and St George's Primary School:

Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

Holy Family Catholic School: 8520 0482/8520 3587

**Charity Number: 234092**

**1 Reading Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7**

**Psalm – The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

**2 Reading Acts 10:34-38**

**Gospel Matthew 3:13-17**

### **The Baptism of the Lord**

The baptism of Jesus was not only the day when he had a special experience of God's favour; it was also the day when he began his public ministry, when he publicly took on the role of God's servant. Jesus' baptism was both a grace and a commission. As Peter announced to Cornelius in today's second reading, after his baptism Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of devil. Today's first reading, although written long before Jesus was born, describes this mission of Jesus very well. He brings true justice to the nations; by his words and deeds, Jesus makes known God's justice-the just or right way that God wants us all to take and that Jesus took to the full. In making known God's justice, that first reading also declares that he 'does not break the crushed reed, or quench the wavering flame'. Jesus' mission was characterised by a heightened awareness of the weak and the vulnerable.

Our own baptism, like that of Jesus, was both a gift and a commission. In bestowing favour upon us, God at the same time calls us to become his servants. On that day of our baptism, we are commissioned as

servants of God, after the example of Jesus. As God endowed Jesus with the Spirit so that he could bring true justice to the nations, At our baptism we were endowed with the same spirit for the same purpose. In the power of the Spirit we are called to live in that same just way that Jesus lived. In the words of the first reading, baptism calls us to 'serve the cause of right'. That will involve for us, as it did for Jesus, taking care 'not to break the crushed reed, or quench the smouldering flame'. Those who are crushed for whatever reason, whose flame is barely flickering, are deserving of our greatest care and attention. We show that we really appreciate the gift of our baptism when we support the vulnerable and strength the weak, in our families, our communities and our society. This is our baptismal calling.

Have a Blessed Week

*Canon Miall*

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**MARRIAGES:** By appointment. At least six months' notice is required.

**Next Baptism Preparation Course** will be on Monday 26th of January 2026 at 6;30p.m. for Session One. Session 2 will be the following Monday 2nd February at 6:30p.m. in the church.

The cash machines at the back of the church may be used to donate to the parish.

**Thank you,** Thank you, Thank you to all who helped with the Christmas celebrations. Proclaimers of the Word, greeters, altar servers, choir and musicians, sacristans.

A particular Thank you to the three choirs at the Christmas carol service. It was a joy to be there.

On behalf of Fr. Shajin and myself I want to thank all gave us gifts, cards and your generous Christmas offerings.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Ann Marie Patricia Francis.  
 Requiem Mass for Ann Marie's soul will be on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 11am.

Birthday blessings to Gloria.

### **Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George**

|                       |                                                             |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>06:00 pm</b>       | Emily Burns (Rest in Peace) (Family)                        |
| <b>Sun 11 January</b> | <b>The Baptism of the Lord.</b>                             |
| <b>08:30 am</b>       | Intentions (Sherry)                                         |
| <b>10:00 am</b>       | Anton Joseph (Rest in Peace) (Victor)                       |
| <b>12noon</b>         | Ekbal Tobia (Rest in Peace) (Amal)                          |
| <b>Mon 12 January</b> | <b>FERIA</b>                                                |
| <b>09:15 am</b>       | Abbert Callinan (Rest in Peace) (Pat Moss)                  |
| <b>06:00 pm</b>       | Antonio, Emilia and Angelo's Intention (Assunta)            |
| <b>Tue 13 January</b> | <b>FERIA</b>                                                |
| <b>09:15am</b>        | Mary Bannon's Intention (Keane)                             |
| <b>06:00 pm</b>       | Mathew (Rest in Peace) (Family)                             |
| <b>Wed 14 January</b> | <b>FERIA</b>                                                |
| <b>09:15pm</b>        | James Tully (Rest in Peace) (Gannon)                        |
| <b>06:00pm</b>        | Geraldine's Intentions (Cremin)                             |
| <b>Thu 15 January</b> | <b>FERIA</b>                                                |
| <b>09:15am</b>        | Joan Keane (Rest in Peace) (Gannon)                         |
| <b>06:00pm</b>        | Madge Maume (Rest in Peace) (Mary)                          |
| <b>Fri 16 January</b> | <b>FERIA</b>                                                |
| <b>09:15 am</b>       | Family Intentions (Maume)                                   |
| <b>06:00pm</b>        | William and Victoria Wynham (Rest in Peace)<br>(Foundation) |
| <b>Sat 17 January</b> | <b>Saint Anthony</b>                                        |
| <b>10:00 am</b>       | Mathew Joseph Davey (Rest in Peace)<br>(Foundation)         |
| <b>06:00 pm</b>       | Kelly Moss (rest in Peace) (Family)                         |
| <b>Sun 18 January</b> | <b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                       |
| <b>08:30 am</b>       | Helen Gertrude Davey (Rest in Peace)<br>(Foundation)        |
| <b>10:00 am</b>       | Joseph Nicolas Pillai (Rest in Peace) (Victor)              |
| <b>12noon</b>         | Sean Groake (Rest in Peace) (Linda and Eunice)              |

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| <b>12noon</b>         | Sean Groake (Rest in Peace) (Linda and Eunice)    |
| <b>Mon 19 January</b> | <b>FERIA</b>                                      |
| <b>09:15 am</b>       | Fr. Timothy Toomey and Family (Foundation)        |
| <b>06:00 pm</b>       | Johnny O'Sullivan (Rest in Peace) (Milne)         |
| <b>Tue 20 January</b> | <b>FERIA</b>                                      |
| <b>09:15am</b>        | Delia Kieran (Rest in Peace) (Maura)              |
| <b>06:00 pm</b>       | Adel Boutte (Rest in Peace) (Foundation)          |
| <b>Wed 21 January</b> | <b>Saint Agnes</b>                                |
| <b>09:15pm</b>        | Chris Hourican (Rest in Peace) (Maura)            |
| <b>06:00pm</b>        | Ann O'Sullivan (Rest in Peace) (Milne)            |
| <b>Thu 22 January</b> | <b>FERIA</b>                                      |
| <b>09:15am</b>        | Selma Ada Nowling (Rest in Peace) (Foundation)    |
| <b>06:00pm</b>        | Brijit Varkey (Rest in Peace) (Roy Family)        |
| <b>Fri 23 January</b> | <b>FERIA</b>                                      |
| <b>09:15 am</b>       | Gerry McKenna (Rest in Peace) (Maura)             |
| <b>06:00pm</b>        | Nancy O'Sullivan (Rest in Peace) (Milne)          |
| <b>Sat 24 January</b> | <b>Saint Frances de Sales</b>                     |
| <b>10:00 am</b>       | Roger O'Sullivan (Rest in Peace) (Milne)          |
| <b>06:00 pm</b>       | Thanksgiving (Geraldine)                          |
| <b>Sun 25 January</b> | <b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>              |
| <b>08:30 am</b>       | Johanna Roedl (Rest in Peace) (Marta)             |
| <b>10:00 am</b>       | Intentions (Jana and David)                       |
| <b>12noon</b>         | John Halpenny (Rest in Peace) (Maura)             |

### Prayer List

Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Hilda Collett (Chris), Josephine Walsh (Paul), Liberee, Anne (Christina), Bridie Curley, Sharon Baker, Bridgit Morris, Mavis Hacker, Marjorie Singh, Pietro and Maria Marrai, Rosie Ebreo, Kathleen Lloyd, Linda Campbell, Bridie Cronin, Baby Jimmy, Sierra Smucker-Halls (Carol), Anna (Gawlik), Theresa (Curley), Terry Wheeler, Pdraic Maloney, Damon, Bridie Curley, Rose Ogidi, Sheila Mayo, John Joseph (Mary), Margaret Phillips, Margaret and Norris Levine, Dr. Michael Weston, Bruce Pereira, Nigel Smith, Mary Murphy, Phyllis Beer, Chris Cullen, Mrs Best, Michael Brown, Albert Callanan, Anne Close, Robinson, Frieda, Melissa Isaac and Mum, Moreena Blackwood, Mick Curley (Christina), William Nkyi-Acheampong. Marie Rachelle Bell Bower, Ermin Elizabeth Bryce, Doreen Palmer, Peter Wiltshire