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Baptism of the Lord

Year B

9th/10th
January, 2021

In a nutshell

Jesus joins the crowd at the Jordan where John is baptising.

No one recognises him as anyone special; he is just one of the crowd. John the Baptist tells the people of the One who is to come, who will baptise with the Holy Spirit.

After Jesus' baptism, John's words come to life: the Spirit descends, and God's voice proclaims that Jesus is indeed God's Son.

Today's Readings

Isaiah 55:1-11
1 John 5:1-9
Mark 1:7-11

Those who thirst are invited to "come to the water".
Christian life requires both faith in Jesus and love of other people
Mark's Gospel starts with the "good news" of Jesus baptism



Today's feast of the Baptism of Our Lord brings to an end the season of Christmas. Coming after the Epiphany of the Lord, it can be seen as a second manifestation of Christ, as the heavens are opened before the whole world.

Through Christ's baptism, in which the entire Trinity is present (**Gospel**), the world is made into a second creation.

In the **First Reading**, from Isaiah, we hear how God's word will bear fruit in us. The one we see being baptised in the Gospel is the Word and, by carrying out the Father's will perfectly, all creation is restored. This is why we can join with the **Psalmist**: 'With joy we shall draw water from the wells of salvation'!

St John develops this theme (**Second Reading**) when he says that because Jesus overcame the world by water and blood, so we, with the Spirit living in us, can be saved.

This coming week, let's strive to deepen our trust in the Father, who is our salvation; to nurture our faith in the Spirit, who works in us to ensure we do not return empty-handed; and to strengthen our joy in the Son, through whose incarnation and baptism we are made into God's children. (adapted from "Australian Catholics" 2020)

Entrance antiphon:

When the Lord had been baptised, the heavens opened, and the Spirit came down like a dove to rest on him. Then the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with him I am well pleased.

Response to the psalm:

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Alleluia!

Readers		Ministers of Communion	
Saturday Vigil January	Sr Jan O'Neil (Coordinator) Sr Jan O'Neil & John Betros	Vigil 5pm January	Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator) Michael Zador & others
Sunday 7.00 am January:	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Peter Frost	Sunday 7.00 am January	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Gary Keating
Sunday 9.30 am January 10th	Adele Cornale (Coordinator) John Rouen	Sunday 9.30 am January:	Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty.
Church Cleaners Paula O'Connor and other volunteers.		Sunday 6pm	Andrew Poidevin Paula O'Connor.
Money Counters—Parish Office		Sacristy & Altar Pilar Ovelar & Carol Miller	
January 10th Group 4 January 17th: Group 1		Altar Flowers Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros	
January 24th: Group 2 January 31st: Group 3		Piety Stall (5pm Vigil Mass) Carol Miller	

Mass Offerings:	<i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i>
Recently Deceased:	Brother Kevin Guthrie msc, Marcus Manning, Tony Giuffre.
Other Deceased:	Paul McMahon, Kit and Bill Fitzpatrick, the Fitzpatrick family, Muriel and Bill Knight, Toni Barry, John Vonwiller.
Anniversary:	Frank Colenso, Eileen McMahon
Sick:	John Cavanagh, Janet Neenan, Goretti McMonagle Anna Zabourek, Hayley Connery (<i>Ireland</i>), Rob Williams, June Ferguson, Fay Wilcox, Chris Simpson, Alex Campbell, Paula Hudson, Anne Stirling, Neil Thornton, Marian Moreno, Tony Cruikshank, Diane Gordon, Chris Schneider, Therese Warfield, Paul Evans, Owen O'Conner, Margaret Mary Foody, Trish Shadwick, Michelle Thornton, Justin Wood, Joan Edwards, Judy Chock, Fay Mather.

Where can I watch Mass, if I am still unable to attend in person because of the COVID-19 restrictions?
St Mary's Cathedral will continue to live-stream the 10:30am Solemn Mass every Sunday while the restrictions continue as well as various other services throughout the week. Check the website for regular updates. https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/ Mass For You at Home is broadcast on Channel 10 each Sunday from 6am. There are several live-streaming services for daily Mass both locally and from around the English-speaking world.

St Brigid's Parish Information	
Mass Times	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm
Morning Tea	Sundays after the 9.30 am Family Mass (NOT during Covid19)
Weekday Masses	Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9.30 am
Reconciliation	20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass
Sacrament of Anointing	During 9.30am Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month
Baptisms	By appointment, on the first and third Sundays of each month, <i>after 9.30am Family Mass.</i>
Marriages	Saturdays , by appointment, arranged at least six months in advance.
Parish Office:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9am to 3pm. Phone 9315 7562. (For pastoral emergencies, contact Fr Phil 0420 329 731)

St Brigid's This Week & Beyond

Today we welcome many visitors to a special 11am Mass, celebrated by Bishop Terry Brady, commemorating the centenary of the death of Eileen O'Connor, Servant of God, 10th January 1921.

**Parish Office reopens on Monday 11th January.
(but for the next few weeks in January, it will be open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays only —NOT on Wednesdays (due to continuing Staff holidays))**

Weekday Masses this coming week are on Tuesdays and Thursday only.

Normal Mass program resumes on Monday 18th January, when Fr Phil returns from holidays.

‘The cause of a person’s poverty is not yours to question. The fact a person is poor is the reason you help.’

Eileen O'Connor, known as ‘**Little Mother**’ by the members of the congregation she founded, has long been considered by many to be a ‘**saint-in-waiting**’. And now, her holiness and virtue have been recognised by the Holy See and the cause for her canonisation opened by the Vatican’s Congregation for the Causes of Saints.



Born in Melbourne on 20 February 1892, Eileen suffered from a severe curvature of the spine and for much of her life she could not stand or walk. It is now known Eileen suffered from transverse myelitis, an inflammation of the spinal cord.

With limited education and no formal theological formation, she embodied a distinctive spirituality marked by an unwavering devotion to Our Lady and her willingness to devote her suffering to Our Lady’s work.

Starting with a group of seven women in a rented house in Dudley street, Eileen and co-founder, Fr Ted McGrath msc (parish priest) , reached out to the poorest of the poor in Sydney.

Eileen’s beautiful spirit inspired many people to seek her guidance and prayers. She listened to them, understood their problems and gave wise advice. There are numerous anecdotal and documented accounts of Eileen’s intercession in answering the prayers of the faithful.

Eileen died on 10 January 1921, aged just 28 years. Her body was found to be incorrupt when it was exhumed from Randwick Cemetery for reinterment in the chapel at Our Lady’s Home, Coogee, 15 years later.

Eileen’s legacy – the mission of Our Lady’s Nurses for the Poor over the past 100 years – ranks among the great and enduring social works of Caroline Chisholm and Saint Mary MacKillop.

The sisters aim to give expression to God’s unconditional and liberating love in all that they do. Their guiding principle is to espouse the inspired and genuine Christian love demonstrated by their co-founder, Eileen O’Connor.

(adapted from Our Lady’s Nurses of the Poor website)



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St Brigid's Parish Coogee Safeguarding Officer is Sharon Waller.