



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Year A — 12 January 2020

The community of the Cathedral of St. Stephen acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

*Embracing
Villa Maria Centre
and
St Patrick's
Fortitude Valley*



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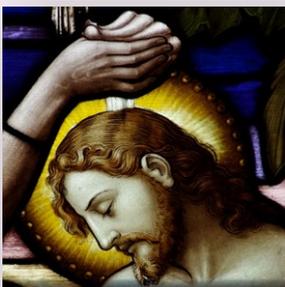
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*When Jesus had been
baptised, just as he came up
from the water, suddenly
the heavens were opened to
him and he saw the Spirit of
God descending like a dove
and alighting on him.*

Readings for today: Isaiah 42:1-4; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17

Dear friends,

In a land so desperately in need of rain, today we celebrate the power of water to give us life. These past weeks have given us image after image of the dry land exploding into fire, smoke and ash and leaving behind its cindered remains. Fire is not new to our summers or our landscape, but the size and reach of this summer's fires is, as we have heard often, "unprecedented". Fire is threatening us in new and destructive ways.

In Australia, we are not used to seeing summer beaches become evacuation zones, or clear summer skies choked with smoke, or long queues at village supermarkets, or navy ships moored in otherwise calm harbours. This summer feels different and our usual January distractions of cricket, tennis and BBQs seem less important. Perhaps this summer is a tipping-point, at least in our consciousness and relationship with the natural environment.

It is interesting to note that the baptism of Jesus took place outdoors, and not in a cute little chapel. It is harder to see the heavens thrown open with a roof over your head.

The baptism of Jesus, although not a baptism of initiation as we understand it, is the prototype for all Christian baptisms. The baptism that John was offering was not initiation but spiritual renewal and bodily cleansing, and hence, Matthew's rather coy note in retelling the encounter. Both Jesus and John accept that "this is the way it should be for now", but nonetheless, the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan becomes a pivotal moment in his public ministry. Rather ironically, the waters of the Jordan seem to light a fire in Jesus.

Baptism is indication that we thirst: we thirst for meaning, for purpose, for identity, for vocation, for love. Our thirsty land cries out with the same lament that our thirsty souls cry out: "Come down from the heavens and renew the face of the earth!" May the power of water to offer life become a reality for all in our land soon. May our parched soil and bush be quenched by the waters of life.

On the Australia Day weekend, we will hold an appeal for the victims of the bushfires. May both our prayers and support be generous. *Fr. Anthony.*



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St. Stephen
249 Elizabeth St
Brisbane*



*St. Patrick's
58 Morgan St
Fortitude Valley*



*Villa Maria Chapel
171 St Pauls Tce
Spring Hill*

Cathedral Parish Mass Times this week

Monday to Friday 8.00am Chapel; 10.00am Cathedral; 12.30pm Cathedral; 5.10pm Chapel
Saturday: 9.30am Villa Maria; 11.30am Cathedral

Sunday

Cathedral of St Stephen

Saturday: 6.00pm (Mass in anticipation of Sunday)
Sunday: 8.00am; 10.00am (Solemn Mass); 12 noon; 7.30pm

St Patrick's 9.00am; 12 noon
Villa Maria 9.30am

Reconciliation: Monday to Friday 10.30-11.30am; 1.00-1.30pm; 4.30-5.00pm
Saturday 10.00-11.00am; 4.30-5.30pm

Exposition: Monday to Friday 10.30am – 12.15pm **Benediction** Monday to Friday 12.15pm

PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.*

*O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.*

*Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.*

Amen

*Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.*



POSITION VACANT- DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

Music Director responsible for enhancing the liturgy of Catholic celebrations at St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane.

The Cathedral of St Stephen is the mother church of the Archdiocese of Brisbane. It is also the parish church of the Archbishop of Brisbane, Most Rev Mark Coleridge who has delegated administration of the Cathedral to the Dean of the Cathedral (Very Rev Anthony Mellor).

The Cathedral of St Stephen strongly encourages the vocal participation of the assembly in its worship. Its organists, cantors and choirs provide effective leadership in the congregational singing of hymns, psalms, responses and parts of the mass. The Cathedral is unusual in serving three purposes: it is a cathedral, a parish church and an inner-city church; and the music repertoire needs to take account of each of these purposes. The Cathedral Director of Music, through the Cathedral Music Department, also supports the liturgical music for St. Patrick's, Fortitude Valley, which forms part of the Cathedral parish.

The Director of Music is responsible for the organisation of the Cathedral Music Program including organ performance and accompaniment, choir direction, rehearsal and accompaniment, organ and other instrument maintenance, general music related administration, and assistance with the coordination and support for special events and concerts in consultation with the Dean and other presiding clergy. Some of the specific responsibilities include:

- Musical leadership in all aspects of the Cathedral's liturgical music
- Choral program of the Cathedral
- Co-ordination of special music events - concerts, festivals, special services
- Partnerships with other organisations, especially school scholarship programs
- Overall management and administration of the Music Department of the Cathedral
- Leadership, training and formation of musicians and choristers
- Maintenance and upkeep of instruments - in particular

the Jubilee pipe organ completed in the year 2000 with 47 speaking stops and three manuals.

The successful candidate requires:

- Bachelor of Music or equivalent
- Advanced knowledge of Catholic liturgy and music
- Musicianship proven experience in arranging and writing music
- Superior conducting experience
- Experience in musical, choral and religious ceremonies performances
- Collaborative working style
- Sound understanding of risk management and safeguarding procedures and policies
- Able to act with integrity
- Budgeting and managerial skills

Weekend coverage is a requirement of the position, therefore Monday and Tuesdays are the normal two-day break each week.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane is committed to being a diverse and inclusive workplace. This is a unique opportunity to work for a values-based organisation and utilise your leadership skills at one of the largest employers in Queensland. If required, relocation assistance negotiable.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.

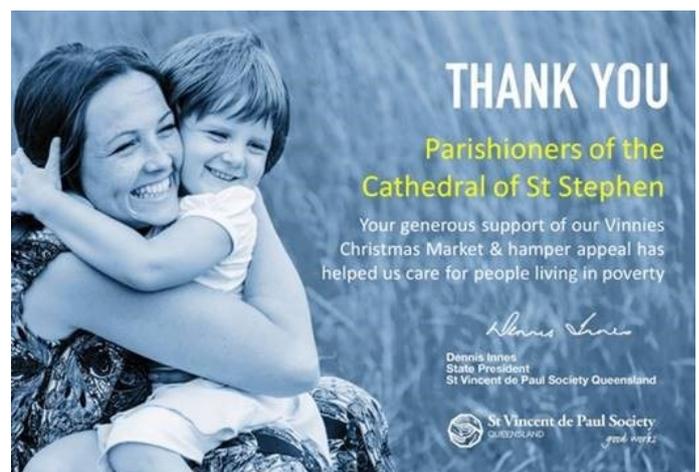
To apply for this position, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website: www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/

CATHEDRAL GUIDES & WELCOMERS

Cathedral Guides & Welcomers invite you to an information session on **Wednesday 5 February 2020 at 10.30am** to discover the delights of volunteering with the Cathedral Guides & Welcomers. The meeting will be held in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre.

If you enjoy meeting people; love your Cathedral and revel in good art and juicy history, the rewards of becoming a volunteer with the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers is beyond measure. A comprehensive training program is offered.

If this ministry appeals to you, please email the Cathedral cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au, or phone 3324 3030 by Friday 24 January 2020.





AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Catholic Church plans national response to bushfire crisis

STATEMENT FROM CONFERENCE PRESIDENT ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

Australia is facing an unprecedented calamity as fire engulfs the land in many places. We have all seen the apocalyptic images, even if we are not in the areas most affected. Lives have been lost, homes and towns have been destroyed, smoke has shrouded large swathes of our country.

And there is no end in sight to the horror which confronts us with our powerlessness before the devastating force of nature.

The efforts of firefighters have been heroic. The resilience of the communities affected has been extraordinary. This has been Australia at its best, and we all stand with those who have been most stricken and with those who are putting their lives on the line to fight the fires.

But we need more than words. Expressions of solidarity are important, but they are not enough.

The bishops are aware of the huge amount being done around the nation, led by governments and first responders. Many local faith communities, including Catholic parishes and organisations, as well as ecumenical and inter-religious coalitions, are also making a big contribution.

While the bishops typically respond to challenges at a parish or diocesan level, the scale of this crisis requires a national response from the whole Church to complement and coordinate what is happening locally.

From the Bishops Conference, that national response includes:

- The facilitation of a national network connecting people affected by the bushfires with people who can help with tasks such as preparing meals, clearing properties, rebuilding communities, as well as pastoral and counselling support.
- The distribution of special prayers and other resources for use in parishes, families and other Catholic communities.
- Collaboration with key national agencies like Catholic Health Australia, Catholic Social Services Australia, the National Catholic Education Commission and the St Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) to ensure as effective a response as possible from the wider Catholic community.
- Cooperating with Catholic Religious Australia and religious institutes and their ministries.
- Parishes across the country taking up a special collection at Masses on the Australia Day weekend, with all funds to be donated to Vinnies' bushfire appeal.

Vinnies is responding in all affected states and territories. Its network of local conferences and support services has seen them rapidly respond throughout the nation as the fire crisis has spread.

As well as donations at Masses on Australia Day weekend, people are encouraged to support the immediate response and the ongoing work of Vinnies in your state or throughout bushfire-affected communities by donating via the Vinnies website – www.vinnies.org.au/Bushfire/Appeal.

Our experts on the ground – from agencies like Vinnies, CatholicCare and CentaCare, in parishes and other Catholic communities, including Catholic hospitals and aged care providers – know this will be a long-term process to help people and whole towns rebuild.

With broad and deep roots across the nation, the Church stands ready to walk alongside people throughout their journey of recovery.

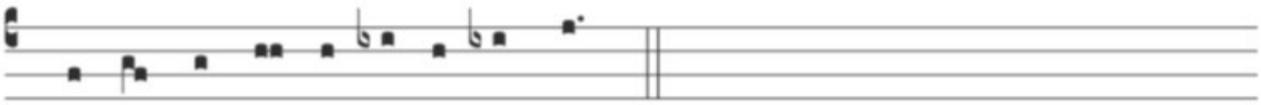
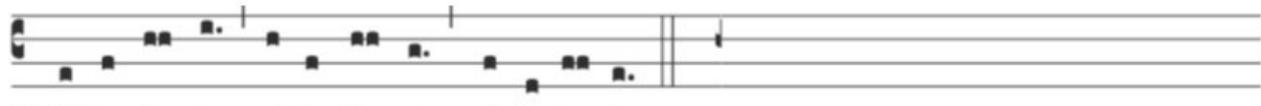
Facing this exceptional crisis, we renew our call for insistent prayer for those stricken by drought and fire, for those who have lost their lives in the fires and their families, for rain to quench the parched land and extinguish the fires, and for urgent action to care for our common home in order to prevent such calamities in the future.

A genuinely Catholic response to a crisis of this magnitude must draw strength from prayer which inspires concrete and compassionate action.

January 7, 2020

The music is drawn from the Catholic Worship Book II for all Masses, available from our Welcomers at the entrances or on the pew seats. All Masses will be led by a Cantor.

The Cathedral Choirs are in recess.

	6:00pm (Sat) (Sun) 8:00am, 10:00am 12:00pm 7.30pm
Processional Hymn	CWB 282
Rite of Blessing & Sprinkling of Water	
Gloria	CWB 22b
First Reading	<i>Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7</i>
Responsorial Psalm	<i>Ps 28:1-4, 9-10</i>
 <p>℣ The Lord will bless his peo-ple with peace.</p>	
Second Reading	<i>Acts 10:34-38</i>
Gospel Acclamation	
 <p>℣ Al-le- lu- ia, al-le- lu- ia, al-le-lu- ia.</p>	
Gospel	<i>Matthew 3:13-17</i>
Offertory	CWB 616
Sanctus	CWB 22c
Agnus Dei	CWB 22h
Communion Hymn	CWB 617 <i>7:30PM: 510</i>
Recessional Hymn	CWB 265 <i>7:30PM: 284</i>

Safeguarding Children And Vulnerable Adults—Archdiocesan Prevention and Protection Policy

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm.

They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, students on placement and visitors to our sites.