



# St. Patrick's Parish Blacktown

*We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship.*

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**10th January 2010**

**Baptism of the Lord**

**Year C**

### Parish Team

**Fr Peter Confeggi**  
Parish Priest  
**Fr Joseph Thomas**  
Assistant Priest  
**Owen Rogers**  
Deacon  
**Claudette Cheetham**  
Parish Secretary  
**Neng Pasigna**  
Finance Officer  
**Lisa Bright** (0419 418 547)  
Youth Minister

### Co-ordinators

**Catechists:** Mrs Colleen McCunnie  
**RCIA:** Sr Judith Lythall  
**Little Miracles:** Meg Stone  
**Social:** Mrs Len Cruz  
**Pious Goods:** Mrs Patricia Regan  
**Sacramental Program:** Mrs Claudette Cheetham  
**Archives:** Mrs M. Geraghty  
**Choir Rehearsal:** 7.00 pm Thursday

### Weekly Mass Times:

Mon - Sat 9.00am  
**First Friday Devotion:**  
9.00am Mass, 7.00pm Mass  
**Blacktown Hospital Mass Times:**  
Thursday 10am, Friday 9.30am  
Saturday Vigil Mass 7pm  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
Saturdays 9.30am - 10am

### Weekend Mass Times:

**Saturday:** Vigil 5.30pm  
**Sunday:** 7am, 8.30am, 10am,  
5.30pm (Youth Mass)  
**Mass for the Sick:** 9.00am  
2nd Saturday of the month

### Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals

by appointment.  
Please contact office for details

### Office Closure

Mon - Fri: 1- 2pm (**Lunch**)  
Thursday: 11.15am - 12.15pm (**Team meeting**)

### Contacts

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## LET US BEGIN AGAIN.....

It is hard to believe that we are already a decade into the third millennium. Ten years ago we were waiting for the *millennium bug* to hit our computers. Planes were going to fall from the air. All manner of disaster was imminent. Then New Year's Day 2000 came and went and nothing much happened. Then this first decade was spoken of as *two thousand and one, two, etc.* Have you noticed in recent days that two thousand and .....has now has given way to *twenty ten*? Something new!

There are times in our personal and communal lives when we do ***begin again***. With the global financial crisis of the past year or so, many people have had to face mortgage stress, selling up and moving on. Some over the years, have had the experience of losing everything only to find a deeper peace with having less, although I am sure that didn't take away the pain of beginning anew. We also live in a culture where people have to develop their skills and almost reinvent themselves every decade or so in order to be relevant to the work place.

The first weeks of the New Year are ***days to begin again***, a time for making resolutions, however much they may not last until the end of the year. For some there will be *new schools, new paths of study or new work place*. For others, with the improving economy, there will be the opportunity to ***begin again*** in employment.

The biographers of St Francis of Assisi tell us that he loved to use the expression ***let us begin again***. It was as though he recognised the need to put something behind him and move on anew. Deep in our Catholic tradition that is expressed profoundly in the Sacrament of Reconciliation but it also finds expression in a hundred simple moments of life when ***we begin again***.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and we naturally recall our own baptism. Week by week we begin and end our celebration with the words and the gesture of our own Baptism. We are invited to begin again the call of our Baptism and recognise that we are sons and daughters of a loving Father. The feast is but one more invitation at this time of the year....***to begin again!***

**Fr Peter**

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR C

**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.

**FIRST READING:** **Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** **Ps 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30**

**Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!**

Lord God, how great you are,  
clothed in majesty and glory,  
wrapped in light as in a robe!  
You stretch our the heavens like a tent. R.

Above the rains you build your dwelling.  
You make the clouds your chariot,  
you walk on the wings of the wind,  
you make the winds your messengers  
and flashing fire your servants. R.

How many are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your riches.  
There is the sea, vast and wide,  
with its moving swarms past counting,  
living things great and small. R.

All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season.  
You give it, they gather it up:  
you open your hand, they have their fill. R.

You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. R.

**SECOND READING:** **Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** **Luke 3:16**

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I;  
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with  
fire. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** **Luke 3:15-16. 21-22**

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.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

This is he of whom John said: I have seen and have  
given witness that this is the Son of God.

**Mass for the soul of the following:** William & Dorothy Grosset, Stanley Stokes, Carl Bartley, The Schembri family, P. Camilleri, the abandoned souls and all souls in purgatory.

**Prayer for the sick:** Kerry Bush, Peggy Giddey, Kim Baker, Naomi Petrie, Jesus Boy Bernido, Mary Toohey, Coral McLean, Frank Vella.

**Recently Deceased:** Cathy, Victor Xavier, Ian Jacobs

**Special Intention:** Frank Vella, Tom & Mary Lloyd

## Daily Readings

11th Jan: Mk 1:14-20; 12th Jan: Mk 1:21-28, 13th Jan: Mk  
1:29-39, 14th Jan: Mk 1:40-45, 15th Jan: Mk 2:1-12, 16th Jan:  
Mk 2:13-17

## LITURGY ROSTER

Attention senior servers, readers, acolytes and junior servers, Colleen McCunnie is about to prepare the Liturgy Roster for the next 3 months. Could you let her know if you are not available during that time, either by calling the office on 9622 1125 or by email at admin@stppatricksparish.org.au. Thank you for your corporation.

### BETTY AND JEAN'S BUS TRIP



On Tuesday 9th February a day at The Entrance. Departing St Pat's at 9am and returning approx 4.30pm. Morning tea on the way and lunch at own expense. Cost \$25 pp. For more information please ring Jean on 9920 3405 or mobile 0425 251 754.

## SACRAMENTAL PROCESS 2010

**Reflection on Baptism, parents ONLY sessions will be on Sunday 21st February in the hall after the 10am mass or Monday 22nd February in the church at 7.30pm.**

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION 2010

Parramatta Institute for Mission are offering the following courses during 2010:

**Ministers of the Word** (22nd Feb and 1st Mar)

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** (8 Mar and 15 Mar)

**Communion to the Sick** (22 Mar and 29 Mar)

**Senior Servers** (3 May and 10 May)

**Acolytes** (17 May and 24 May)

Each component covers 2 Monday nights 7pm to 9pm and will be held at 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown.

**ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST ATTEND THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF:**

**Introduction to Liturgical Ministry** which will be held on 8 and 15 February at the above address

Each ministry requires four sessions, including the two Introductory sessions.

For more information, please call Claudette at the office on 9622 1125