

# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH MENAI

LIVING AND SHARING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE AS A GROWING PARISH FAMILY

Alfords Point Bangor Barden Ridge Illawong Lucas Heights Menai Woronora West



## The Baptism of the Lord 13 January 2019 Year C

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah** (40:1-5, 9-11)

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30, R v.1)

**R . 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 out 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**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus** (2:11-14, 3:4-7)

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**Parish Office hours:**

Tuesday—Friday: 9am—3.30pm

**Mass Timings:**

Weekday: Tue—Sat 9.15am

1st Friday of the month: 7.00pm

Weekend: Saturday Vigil 5.30pm

Sunday: 8.30am & 10.00am

**Mass at Nursing Home:**

2nd/3rd/4th Tuesday: 10.30am

**Blessed Sacrament Exposition**

Tue—Sat: 8.30am—9.10am

Fri (after mass): 9.45—10.30am

**Children's Liturgy:** Sun: 8.30am

(not during school holidays)

**Reconciliation:** Sat: 4.30—5.15pm

Or by appointment.

**Baptisms:**

2nd & 4th Sunday outside of Lent

**Baptism Preparation Program:**

11.15am on 1st Sat of each month in the Parish Meeting Rooms

**Rosary:** Monday 7pm

**Meditation:** Wednesday: 7.30pm

**Gospel Acclamation** (cf. Lk 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!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to 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

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**We pray for better health for:**

*Baby Alessia Sharp,  
Roger Marcelo,  
Barbara King,  
Beatrice Gonsalvez,  
Fr. Bill Hannon,  
Brandon Rapley,  
Himits Sarajoy Ly,  
Joan Sprod, John  
Miller, Johnson Tan,  
Kathleen Jean-Louis,  
Lily Mifsud,  
Lorraine Cloney,  
Marie Isbester, Mary  
Baddock, Mary  
Farrugia, Michael  
Dugan, Natalie  
Lynch, Paul Tyson,  
Pauline Taylor, Peter  
Harris, Peter  
Atkinson, Sharon  
Rapley, Simone  
Hoeflich, Steve Clare,  
Violet Abela and all  
who are sick.*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer**

**Celebrant:** On this day, the heavens were opened as the Spirit descended upon Christ at his Baptism. In prayer, we ask the Father to unseal the fountain of his blessings upon the world.

**Reader:** For the Church, like her Lord, the Beloved of the Father, that his favour may always rest upon her, and his Spirit overshadow her with truth and power. Let us pray to the Lord **(R)**

**Reader:** For those entrusted with the work of the government, that they may serve the cause of right, and strive to establish true justice on earth. Let us pray to the Lord **(R)**

**Reader:** For those who have become lukewarm in their faith, that the Spirit given in their baptism will rekindle faith and love in their hearts. Let us pray to the Lord **(R)**

**Reader:** For ourselves and our parish, that we may eagerly follow Christ's call at our baptism and establish true justice on earth. Let us pray to the Lord **(R)**

**Reader:** For all who have unexpectedly lost loved ones in car accidents, natural disasters or health emergencies, that they will recover from their loss with the support of family and friends. Let us pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**Reader:** For the recently deceased, Bernard Walker, and for Domenico Brisigotti and George Tadros Maroun whose anniversaries of death occur around this time; that Christ the good shepherd will guide them safely home. Let us pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**Celebrant:** Almighty Father, by our baptism you adopted us as your sons and daughters. Hear our prayers through that favour which rests on your beloved Son, who is Lord for ever and ever.

**All: Amen**

**ROSTER FOR 20 January 2019: (3<sup>rd</sup> WEEKEND)**

	5:30pm	8:30am	10am	Ancillary
<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Pat Watson	<u>Volunteer Needed</u>	Marina D'Mello	<b>Counters:</b> Jeff Low & Team
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	1A	2A	3A	
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Peter McLachlan	Phil Tax	Grant Scott	<b>Children's Liturgy:</b> not during holidays
<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Louise Perrau	<u>Volunteer Needed</u>	<u>Volunteer Needed</u>	
<b>READERS</b>	Elisabeth Ward Jordan Lo Russo	Tony Melville Emma Gioello Lesley David	Bridget Nappa Ranelle Puse John Shanahan	<b>Barden Lodge Aged Care:</b> Margaret Ball & Susan Thompson
<b>EUCCHARIST MINISTERS</b>	Linda O'Regan & Margaret Scott	Marie & Michael Coughlan	Tina Pellegrino & Cheryl Rozario	<b>Thomas Mitchell Aged Care:</b> Robyn
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Kerr Family	Di-Nola Family	Cawley/Tait Family	
<b>WARDENS</b>	Charlie Zammit	George Szymura	Kevin Maddalena	<b>Church Cleaning:</b> Roslyn & John Burt
<b>O/H OPERATOR</b>	<u>Volunteer Needed</u>	<u>Volunteer Needed</u>	<u>Volunteer Needed</u>	
<b>O/H PREPARER</b>	Elisabeth Ward	Elisabeth Ward	Elisabeth Ward	<b>Church Gardens</b> <u>Volunteer Needed</u>
<b>PIETY STALL</b>	Francis	Terri	Marie W	