



# St Mary Immaculate & St Patrick's PARISH OF THE CLARENCE VALLEY

*Copmanhurst & Cowper*



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*Copmanhurst*

**Baptism of the Lord - Year B**

**10th January 2021**

## Parish Family News

**Entrance Antiphon:** After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah 55:1-11**  
*Come to the water; listen to my words and you shall have life.*

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his ways, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do. The Word of the Lord.

**Response:** Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm Isa 12: 2-6**  
**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

**A reading from the first letter of St John 5: 1-9**

**The Spirit, the water and the blood give witness.** Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is—keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness—since the Spirit is the truth - so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son. The Word of the Lord.

**Response:** Thanks be to God.

**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!**

**Gospel: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 1: 7-11**

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit'.

It was this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

**Next Week's Readings: (2nd Sunday Year B)**

1 Samuel 3: 3-10, 19; Psalm 39;

1 Cor 6: 13-15, 17-20; John 1: 35-42

## **DIARY OF THE WEEK : LITURGIES, DEVOTIONS ETC**

### **Saturday 9th January**

9.00am Mass at St Patrick's Church, South Grafton  
5.00pm—5.45pm Reconciliation at St Mary's Church  
6.00pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's Church Grafton

### **Sunday 10th January - Baptism of the Lord**

8.00am Mass at St Mary's Church Grafton  
8.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church Cowper  
9.30am Mass at St Patrick's Church South Grafton

### **Monday 11th January**

NO Mass

### **Tuesday 12th January**

5.15pm Mass at St Mary's Church Grafton

### **Wednesday 13th January**

9.15am Mass at St Patrick's Church South Grafton

### **Thursday 14th January**

8.00am Mass at St Mary's Church Grafton

### **Friday 15th January**

11.30am—11.55am Reconciliation and  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
12.00noon Mass at St Mary's Church Grafton

### **Saturday 16th January**

9.00 Mass at St Patrick's Church South Grafton  
5.00pm—5.45pm Reconciliation at St Mary's Church  
6.00pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's Church Grafton

### **Sunday 17th January - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8.00am Mass at St Mary's Church Grafton  
8.00am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion at  
Mary Immaculate Church Cowper  
9.30am Mass at St Patrick's Church South Grafton

### **Please remember in your prayers:**

#### **Those who are sick and frail:**

especially Kathryn Martin, Evonne Coutis, Cletus Moran, Brian Haynes, Bev Reilley, Dan Moran, Cheryl Kinnane, Bill & Dot Dougherty, Sandy Beadman, Gwen Haynes, Michael Halligan, Sonya Moore, Maureen Endean, Moya Ellem(Melb), Fay Ellem, John McAnally, Darcy Patricks, Eli Hagar, Allan Ryan, Kevin Burns, Shona Owens, Sue Jackson, Jacinta Frawley-Werger, Amanda Crawford, Aileen Whalan, Bree Brossman, and all those in hospital.

#### **The Recently Deceased:**

including Elmar Quante, Bill Wood (Fr Peter's Dad), Barbara Miller, Geoff Power, Dennis Smith, Dale Globits, Aileen Griffin, Fr John Fitz-Walter.

#### **Those whose Anniversaries are at this time:**

Including Lance Cavanagh, Marie Cavanagh, Ernest, Laurel Cuskelly, Judith Nilon, Agnes Fitzpatrick.

**Other Mass Intentions:** including all the Holy Souls, Shirley & Richard Gors, Michael Bourke, Fran Kelly, the relatives & friends of Bev Holmes.

In two distinct ways the feast of the **Baptism of the Lord** serves as a bridge. Firstly, it doubles up as the concluding feast of the Christmas season and as the First Sunday of Ordinary Time. Secondly, and much more significantly, it highlights a dramatic transition in Jesus' life. All three synoptic gospels identify Jesus' baptism as the event which plucks him out of obscurity and impels him into public ministry.

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### **Important Notice:**

For the first two weeks of January the Parish Office will open on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays until 1pm.**

No Mass at Copmanhurst 17th January.

Fr Joe providing Supply to Nambucca Valley Parish 5/1/2021 to 20/1/2021 in the absence of Fr Shelwin.



In the Child Jesus, God shows Himself to be lovable, full of goodness and gentleness. We can truly love a God like that with all our hearts.

Pope Francis - Pontifex 6/1/2021

### **Television Free to Air—Channel Ten—Sunday Mass at 6am**

For those who have access to the Internet: **Bishop Greg—Mass at 8am Sunday—Livestreamed** on Lismore Diocese YouTube channel or follow the links at [lismorediocese.org](http://lismorediocese.org)

Also the following has Mass on demand. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYRq7AjVimr-hcHFJDHVaQ>

| Weekend<br>Jan 16/17      | St Mary's Church<br>Saturday 6.00pm | St Mary's Church<br>Sunday 8.00am | St Patrick's Church<br>Sunday 9.30am | Mary Immaculate<br>Sunday 8.00am |
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| Commentator               | Sharon Cannon                       | Mark Dougherty                    | Is anyone available?                 | Barry Walker                     |
| Reader                    | Leonie Fish                         | Chiara Hassett                    | Nancy Crook                          | Marie Moran                      |
| Extraordinary<br>Minister | Colin Clark                         | Lynne Dougherty                   | Gary Scurrah                         |                                  |