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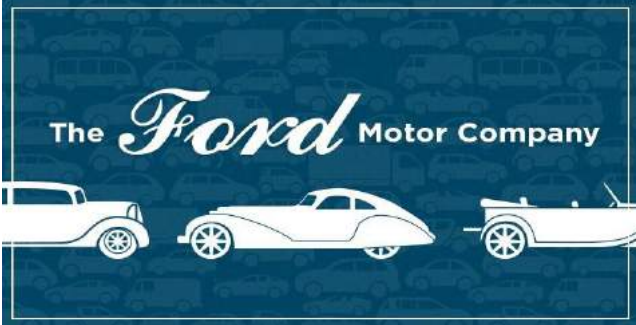


13th January 2019
The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

**“God brings men into deep waters not to drown them,
but to cleanse them”- James H. Aughey**

There is a story told of the machinist who worked years ago at the original Ford Motor Company plant in Detroit, Michigan. Over a period of years he had “borrowed” from the factory various car parts and tools which he hadn’t bothered to return. While the management never condoned this practice, nothing was ever done about it.



In time, however the “forgetful” machinist experienced a Christian conversion and was baptized. More importantly, the man took his baptism very seriously and became a devout believer. The very morning after his baptism, the machinist arrived at work with his pickup truck loaded with all the parts and tools he had taken from the Ford Company over the years. He went to his foreman and explained that he never really meant to steal them and asked to be forgiven.

*The foreman was so astonished and impressed by this act that he cabled Henry Ford himself, contacting the auto magnate while he was away visiting a European Ford plant. In his telegram the foreman described the entire event in great detail. Ford immediately cabled back this striking two-line response: “**Dam up the Detroit River. Baptize the entire Plant!**”*

This Sunday, we celebrate the feast of “The Baptism of the Lord” which is highly symbolic having deep meaning and numerous implications. There are slight differences in the portrayal of this event by the three evangelists of the Synoptic gospels, however they are unanimous in stating that this event marked the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. The baptism administered by John the Baptist was meant to imply the conversion of the people who wandered away from God. The baptism was a new beginning to such people. There was no necessity for Jesus to receive this baptism, yet he lined up in the queue of the sinners so as to indicate his unity and solidarity with them and his total identification with the human race. The descent of the Holy Spirit and the Voice from Heaven attribute to the divinity of Christ. As we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, we are called upon to reflect on our own baptism and rejuvenate ourselves in our commitment to God and to the people around us. The theologian Bernard Cooke in his book *Christian Sacraments and Christian Personality* writes: “Our baptism is not an action which happens once and has no further significance for our life. Rather, all the significance of this sacrament passes dynamically into the daily living of the Christian.”



A young man once described his experience of sinking into insanity. He was a very bright university student, but he had abandoned his studies in favour of nightclubs and pornography. One night he retired to a hotel room. As he lay in bed, the window appeared to expand until it reached the floor. He heard a mocking voice in his mind saying, "What if you threw yourself out of that window?" The young man wrote: "Now my life was dominated by something I had never known before: fear. It was humiliating, this strange self-conscious watchfulness. It was a humiliation I had deserved more than I knew. I had refused to pay attention to the moral laws upon which all vitality and sanity depends." Well, this young man did begin to pay attention to the moral law. He began to put his life in order - and to experience inner peace. He eventually entered the Catholic Church and went on to become one of the most famous monks of the twentieth century. His name is Thomas Merton. Today’s Gospel of Jesus’ baptism should challenge us, too, to examine whether we are keeping our Baptismal promises. (Fr. Phil Bloom)

As we renew our baptismal promises today, let us resolve to live ever more transparently as a disciple of Jesus, trying to do what is right, and true, and good, and beautiful.

God’s blessings, Fr. Vince

**We will have a Communion Service
on Friday, 18th January, at 9:15am.
There will be no Mass.**



If you are interested in pledging an item for the new church, please ring the office—96542260—to have a chat with Fr Vince, or send an email to stmads@yahoo.com.au Thank you for your generosity!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1248.10
2nd Collection (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1340
Loose = \$ 879.40
Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107
TOTAL = \$ 4389.40 (target = \$5577)

If you donate to the parish and have recently changed your credit card, please phone the parish office on 96542260.
Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased
 Hayley Gangemi

For the dearly departed

Deceased of the Pintado family, deceased of the Cartwright family, Marcello Pellizzon and family, Ubaldo Turcato and family, Francesco & Filomena Corcoglioniti, Caterina Musso, Ivan Ceccato, James Leo Houston, Michael I Dunnion, Frenk Piperata, Domenico Piperata, Annino Piperata, Setna & Jim Mulvihill, Helena & Joseph Culligan and the deceased of the Mulvihill and Culligan families, Karen Draddy, Felician Sabellano, Pietro Ceccato, Jed Manning, the Ferraro family, Antonio Ceroli, AnnaMaria "Mary" Spina, the deceased of the Portelli and Buttigieg family

For healing of the sick

Jacqueline Kelly, 4-mo old Florence Smith, Maria, Tricia, Rob, Michael Foley, Trish Takahashi, Samuel Abella, Doris Mendoza Quiroz, Harper Grace, Margaret Collison, Margaret Gaudry, Anis Nicholas, Peter Balnaves, June, Dorothy Green, Pat D, Neil Rogers, Karen Bligh, Marlon Sabellano Alumios, Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Charlie, Frank Tabone, John Lippman, Sarah Bilford Beattie, Giuseppe Grasso, Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Christy Sherlock, Tina, Marie, Joe, and Charles Vencyel



PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:
 Rev Vincent Savarimuthu
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St Madeleine's Primary School

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Marian College

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 Principal: Mrs Jayne Campbell

PARISH SERVICES

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm
 (Eucharistic Adoration at 4:45)
 Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm

Children's Liturgy

10am Mass during School terms

Weekday Masses

9:15am - Tuesdays to Fridays

Playgroup - Tue 9:00am

at St Joseph Centre during school terms

Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the 9.15 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every 4th Sunday at 11:20, or during 10am Masses

Weddings: By appointment

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator: Amira Campo
Music Coordinator: Alexandra Mifsud
Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil
Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Deb Rankin
Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton
RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry

Playgroup Coordinator: Grainne Barker
SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones
Friendship Group: Jenny Puleo
Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator:
 Peter Balnaves/Suzanne Kingston-Hunt
Adult Faith Formation: Careyanne Moylan

Property Maintenance Manager: Angelo Roia
Piety Stall: Sandra Tabone
Altar Linen Coordinator: Catherine Diekman
Parish Council Chair: Patrick Tuttle
Finance Committee Chair: Michael Parslow

THIS WEEKEND		5:30pm Sat	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm
	WELCOMERS	Trish Keating	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Jenny & Peter Firkins	Joseph Spina
	ACOLYTE	Vince Luca	Neil John	Phillys Hannah	Sam Ursino
	READERS	Paul Cashman Mary Sammut	Dan Doyle Anthony Hooper	Sandra Tabone Adriana Kennedy	Simmy Cesamolo Aiden Cavestany
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Colleen Dunlop Miranda Luca	Fran Sanders Kathy White	Sandra Tabone Trish Maidens	Selina Calleia Jason Hatcher
	JUN MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima		Christopher Kang	Hayden Cummins
	MUSICIANS	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(15 Jan) Sandra Tabone & Michelle Romeo		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
FLOWERS	Teresa Capaldi, arr'd by Rita Vumbaca		ALTAR LINEN	Pat Brush	

19/20 JANUARY	WELCOMERS	Judith Gauci	Maria & Steve Fry	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Joseph Spina
	ACOLYTE	Len Gauci	Steve Fry	Jhun Javier	Joe Touma
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Maree McNeil	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Janelle & Stephen Bawden
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Berenice Hart-Gerometta Judith Gauci	Nuri Wardrop Lorraine Ewer	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Marian Piper Janelle Bawden
	JUN MINISTERS	Monica & Dom Bruggeling	Patrick McNeil	James Whittle	Josh Fogarty Sara Sawaya
	MUSICIANS	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Bobby, Matt, and MJM	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(22 Jan) John Hourigan and Kay Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
	FLOWERS	Dianne Bennett		ALTAR LINEN	Pat Brush

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this country on which we worship