



**SCRIPTURE
REFLECT & RESPOND**

Isaiah 40:1-5 9-11

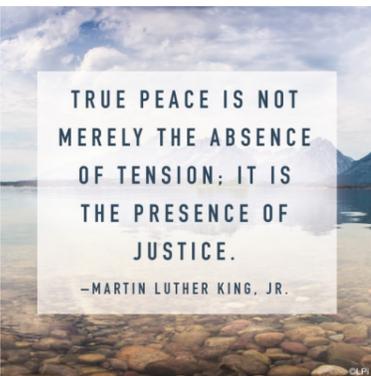
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."



**PARISH MISSION
STATEMENT**

**In relationship with
Christ, empowered by the
Holy Spirit, we serve
joyfully as a people
beloved and called by
God.**

FOCUS by Fr. Peter Tonti

A Voice Cries in the Wilderness

Living Water I marvel at the way you flow
So majestically, powerfully, proudly amidst the heights
And so gently, peacefully, patiently amongst the lows.

You bring precious life
Baptising God's Creation into the Great Dance.

A Blessing for the World.
Why do I not? What have I forgotten?
Tell me why do I cry at night?

The living water came quietly to me and gently
bathed my feet.
Come journey with me.
Let me caress your face for I am in your tears.
Let me cleanse your heart and remove your fears.

I flow through you more than you know.
Be still.

And then the Water sparkled.
Dream! Dream about Dreaming.
Listen to the ear of your heart.

Think! Think about Thinking
You are God's work of art.
And Wonder! Wonder about Wondering
For you are created in the image of God.

You are a Child of God
Overflowing with the Spirit of Love.
Let your imaginings grow again. Your hurts
strengthening you and Your fears giving
you courage.

Feel the Breath of God alive in you.

Baptised in the Spirit
Go!
Go to the highest mountain.
Shout with a loud voice.



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

January 13, 2019

Think of what it's like to wait a long time. Can you imagine what it would be like to wait for centuries? No one person lives that long, of course. But for the Israelites, they had heard the stories from generation to generation. They had been conquered time and time again, and now "the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ." They had been waiting for a Messiah, one who did miraculous deeds and said profound things; someone aglow with the glory of God. We all know what it's like to hope and be disappointed. But what if your hopes were fulfilled?

That day at the Jordan River, an audience had gathered. Among the crowd for baptism was an unknown man. Perhaps he was dirty from weeks in the desert. His hands had the calloused palms of a tradesman, a carpenter. He and John the Baptist may have embraced with the familiarity of the cousins they were. This man wades into the Jordan for a good, solid dunking. As he rises from the water, the One who breathed life into Adam gasps for air like any other man.

But then "heaven was opened." The clouds in the sky part miles above. "And the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove." An apparition with substance sails through the sky. It exudes gentleness and power all at once. "And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" Can you imagine the sight? For the crowd, there is no doubting what they have seen, who they have seen. Can you imagine this encounter with our God who keeps His promises? What are you waiting for?

PASTORAL TEAM

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CHURCHES

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St Patrick's Church
16 Powers St

St Mary's Church
Cnr Barolin & Boston Sts

St James' Church
38 See St Bargara

OTHER CONTACTS

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Ozcare: 1800 692 273

Towards Healing: 1800 337 928

AFTER HOURS

Anointing of the Sick for Medical Emergencies
Phone 4151 6666
& follow the prompts.

LIVE THE LITURGY

At the baptism of Jesus, a voice came from heaven saying, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Through Baptism, Jesus' identity as God's Son is revealed and understood. He knows very clearly who he is. Baptism does the same for us. It gives us our identity as daughters and sons of God. We have the wonderful opportunity, given to us as a gift, to share in the same intimate relationship Jesus has with God his Father. Being a daughter or son of God gives us a unique and focused mission to which we must be faithful. Our identity, as with Jesus, is rooted in God. This is a simple fact we all must accept. Through Baptism, we are given the power and ability to see the world as God sees and to think and act as God would think and act. This is a tall order but one that will lead us to truth and ultimately to happiness.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

What have been the most significant moments in your life? You probably celebrate your birthday every year, so the day you were born must be pretty important. How about elementary, high school, or college graduations? Hopefully you do something special on or around your wedding anniversary if you are married. The birth of each child is probably near the top on the list of moments you will never forget. Then there are the sad moments of life: deaths, breakups, and tragedies. As you reflect on all these moments, you can see that you would not be who you are today without having experienced them. Of course as a Christian, you have one moment in time that has had an even greater impact on you and perhaps it didn't even come to mind: your Baptism. You might say you don't remember it because you were an infant. Perhaps you do not even know the date it took place. You might not feel like it has had much impact on you at all. However, it has made all the difference.

Whether you feel the difference or not, on that day you were made a new creation in Jesus Christ. You were marked for Him with an indelible mark that no one can remove, not even you. On that day, you inherited a tradition and lineage of faith that has changed the face of the earth. Today, that baptismal grace beckons you to a real and substantial relationship with the One whose name was invoked on that day. It also calls you to respond with a stewardship way of life, where your gifts make a difference and glorify God. If today is the day you start taking all this seriously, you get to add a new moment to your list.

-- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

LIVING JUSTLY LIVING SUSTAINABILITY

Pope Francis in his World Day of Peace message on the 1st January 2019 greets us with "Peace be to this house!" The "house" of which Jesus speaks in this greeting is every family, community, country and continent, in all their diversity. Bringing peace is central to the mission of Christ's disciples. We are reminded that *good politics is at the service of peace*. It is an essential means of building human community and institutions but can become a means of oppression, marginalization and even destruction. *How can we bring peace in our lives, in our world?*

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Newly Baptised: Penelope Joy Sunley, Biotika Lucian Ambati, Alberta-Ann Arobati, Ryan Carter Veurman, Tyrell John Glazier

Recently Deceased: Shirley Schuh, John Beevors, Paul Neville, Corrado Barazza, Ezio Succetti, Eileen Claire Pashley, Betty Patterson

NOTICES

ADULT FAITH: Breaking Open the Scriptures. Father Peter is offering this opportunity to deepen our understandings of the biblical texts. The scripture sessions are held at the Parish Office, the first Monday of every month. The next session will be held on **Monday 4th February 2019 at 1:00pm** and repeated at **5:30 pm**. *Topic: Becoming familiar with the Hebrew Scriptures* (Old Testament). All welcome!

VISITATION MINISTERS: All visitation ministers are invited to a meeting on **Thursday, 17 January 2019, 10am** at the **Parish Centre**. This meeting is about 2 things: (1) a regular meeting - the first for the year; (2) about Blue Cards. It is now a government requirement that all visitation ministers have a Blue Card. Those who have a current Blue Card, please bring it to the meeting and those who need to apply, please bring 2 pieces of identification (e.g. driver's license, birth certificate, Medicare card, etc.). We will fill out the forms at the meeting and the Parish will lodge these applications. I hope to see all visitation ministers at this meeting. **THANK YOU.** (Denise Tuzes, Visitation and Bereavement Co-ordinator)

NET MINISTRIES SECOND COLLECTION: We are pleased to advise that we have collected a total of \$3,109.95 out of the generosity of our Parish to support Allan Varghese and Kenneth Thompson on their journey with the NET Ministries of Australia.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Our Christian Meditation Prayer Groups begin for 2019 on Tuesday, 15 January and Friday, 18 January at 10am. Anyone who wishes to learn how to meditate in prayer is most welcome to join us. Contact Joe McCorley 0418 727 845 or just turn up at the Parish Office at either of the times.

PRIESTS' IN-SERVICE: Our priests will be attending the Priests' In-Service on Tuesday, 15 January to Thursday, 18 January 2019 at Rockhampton.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Lewis and Marie Dutton's diamond (60th) wedding anniversary on 17 January 2019.

WHY DO WE DO WHAT WE DO?

A monthly presentation by Fr John Daly

Thursday, 24 January 2019 5:30pm—6:30pm

Parish Office

Topic:

- Sacramental Penance
- Why go to confession
- Development of the practice of confession, and other details.



AUSTRALIA DAY MASS

Monday, 28 January 2019

9am at Holy Rosary

followed by a cuppa and a sing-along

at St Joseph's Hall

All welcome!

Come in your national costume and bring a plate of your country's delicacies.



LITURGIES

Monday 14 January 2019

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 15 January 2019

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 16 January 2019

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Thursday 17 January 2019

6.30am St Mary's - Mass

Friday 18 January 2019

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 19 January 2019

7.30am St Mary's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

20 January 2019

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Hours of the Sunday, Te Deum

Saturday

6.00pm St Patrick's

Sunday

7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Mary's

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Gospel

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22