

All Hallows' Five Dock



The Baptism of the Lord | Year C | Sunday 9th January

Parish Mission

We, the people of this place,
live and celebrate a love of faith.

We share this faith in a
spirit of service,
that creates a sense of
God's presence among us.

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A Message from Bishop Danny

Dear parishioners,

Jesus, although he never sinned, wanted to completely associate himself with sinful humanity. So, like all of Israel who John called to repentance, Jesus went down to the Jordan for baptism. And, in Luke's Gospel, after his baptism the heavens opened and a voice was heard, "You are my Son, the Beloved, My favour rests on You."

Sin separates us from God. We find it hard to see the presence of God, to do what is right, to know really what will happen to us after our deaths. On the Cross, again Jesus took upon himself our Sin and he felt the separation and darkness we can experience. In his darkness he could not feel the presence of his Loving Father and shouted out, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachtani", "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"

Yet God raised Jesus to the Eternal Life that is now available for all those who follow Jesus. Jesus always was God's Beloved Son. And God pours out his Holy Spirit upon us so that even now we can enjoy communion with God, with eternal life to follow. This is the New Baptism, the Baptism of those who follow Jesus. It is a dying to Sin and a new life to God, filled with the Holy Spirit.

Today, however, we remember the baptism of Jesus at the hands of John the Baptist. A baptism for the repentance from sins. But the great Baptism is the one achieved in the Death and Resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Through this Baptism, God's life is poured upon us and we become, like Jesus, God's beloved children. We have received this Baptism, so may we be true to the great grace we have received.

With best wishes -
Bishop Danny



Sacramental Life

Holy Mass:

Saturday: 8am & 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday: 8.30am, 10am and 5pm

Monday - Friday: 8am

Wednesday - 3pm - Eucharistic
Exposition and Adoration

Reconciliation:

Saturday:

8:30am-9am / 4:45pm - 5:15pm

Or any time by appointment.

Sick Calls:

Any time - day/night.

Baptisms:

Every Sunday.



Weddings:

Contact the parish office.

Supporting our Parish



You can support our Parish financially by accessing the BPoint Secure Payment Service on the Parish website or you can use the QR Code printed here. For contributions to the First Collection, please select *Pastoral Revenue* from the drop down menu. For Planned Giving contributions, please select *Planned Giving* from the drop down menu and include your name and your Planned Giving Number (if known). You can also contribute using the Tap and Go devices in the Gathering Space at the entrance to the church.

Safeguarding our Parish

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Is 40:1-5; 9-11 A reading from the prophet Isaiah <i>The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.</i> ‘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.</p>	<p>(R.) Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!</p> <p>1. 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.)</p> <p>2. 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.)</p> <p>3. 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.)</p> <p>4. 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.)</p> <p>5. 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.)</p>	<p>Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus. 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.</p>
	<p>Next Week’s Readings</p> <p>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Times 1st Reading: Is 62:1-5 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 12:4-11 Gospel: Jn 2:1-11</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p> <p>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!</p>

Gospel
<p>Lk 3:15-16. 21-22</p> <p>A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke</p> <p><i>When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.</i></p> <p>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.’</p> <p>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.’</p> 