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**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

**9 January 2022**

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### **What are you waiting for?**

This Sunday's readings are full of expectation. What are *you* waiting for? How do you need God to come and rescue you from injustices, or deliver you from evil, or comfort you as you wait for loved ones to turn their hearts back to God? What guidance have you been seeking while feeling confused and uncertain?

Do you feel Christ's gift of peace within you as you wait expectantly? Or do you feel frustrated, worried, and impatient?

In the Gospel reading, we see John the Baptizer's congregation filled with expectancy because they hoped that he was their finally-arrived Messiah. Yearning for God to intervene against injustices, foreign oppression, and sin, they latched onto the fiery enthusiasm of John and his baptism of repentance.

God, however, had something much better in mind, more complete. The real Messiah would baptize with the purifying fire of the Holy Spirit. Whereas John could only call people to repentance, the real Messiah would empower them to grow in holiness by giving them his own Spirit of holiness.

When Jesus submitted himself to John's baptism, it was not because he needed to repent; he was sinless. He was uniting himself to *our* need for repentance, thus starting his ministry of delivering us from evil and eventually take our sins to the cross.

In Christian baptism, we are immersed into the holiness of Jesus as well as his ministry, his priesthood, his prophetic sharing of the Good News, his servant leadership, and yes, his sufferings for the benefit of the salvation of others. The Holy Spirit empowers us to do as Jesus did, and the Father says, "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased!"

What do you expect? What do you think should happen in your daily life because of your baptism? Expectation is a good attitude -- unless it's based on impatience, which usually leads to disappointment. Expectation that's based on the goodness of God and what *he* wants for us is the attitude that brings us joy, greater faith, and even miracles. © 2021 Terry Modica, Catholic Digital Resources, [www.catholicdr.com](http://www.catholicdr.com). Printed by permission.

### **Our Parish Vision**

"A welcoming, vibrant, inclusive, loving and outreaching community who understand their Catholic beliefs and live their lives connected by the love of Jesus Christ"

### **Mission Statement**

We strive to proclaim the joy of the Gospel and reach out to others so that they experience God's unconditional love.

**Today's Readings:** Is 40:1-5,9-11; Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16,21-22

**Response to the psalm:** Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

**Gospel acclamation:** 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!

**Next Week's Readings:** Is 62:1-5;1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH (Kindly sign in using "Check in Qld" App)

<b>Monday to Friday</b>	Morning Prayer: 6:40am. <b>Mass: 7:00am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 7:30am to 11:45am <b>Mass: 12 Noon</b>
	Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: 7pm
<b>Saturday</b>	Morning Prayer: 7:40am. <b>Mass 8:00am.</b>
<b>Confessions:</b>	Saturdays 5:15pm to 5:45pm (or during the week by appointment)



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### WEEKEND MASSES - Kindly sign in using "Check in QLD App"

<b>Guardian Angels Church</b>	<b>Saturday</b> 6pm; <b>Sunday</b> 7am, 9am, 6pm
<b>St Joseph the Worker, Hemmant</b>	<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am
<b>Nazareth House Chapel</b>	Strictly only for Residents at the moment.
<b>Iona College Chapel</b>	Contact the school if you wish to attend

**STOPline** – Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults STOPline is an external service provided for the Archdiocese to receive confidential disclosures. Disclosures can be made anonymously. P: 1300 304 550 / E: AOB@stopline.com.au

Second Collection	27 December 2021	2 January 2022
Planned Giving Envelopes	\$ 427.00	\$ 333.00
Loose money on plate	\$ 322.00	\$ 385.50
Direct Debit	\$ 330.00	\$ 194.00
Parish Giving App	Data unavailable	\$ 70.00
Total	\$ 1,079.00	\$ 982.00

### Guardian Angel Church ROSTER (15 Jan–16 Jan)

<u>6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass</u>	<u>9:00am Sunday Mass</u>
<b>Readers :</b> N Waller, P McMahon	<b>Readers :</b> W Denton; M Allison
<b>Minister:</b> Bro Lawrie	<b>Minister:</b> P Holman
<u>7:00am Sunday Mass</u>	<u>6:00pm Sunday Mass</u>
<b>Readers:</b> J Van der Togt	<b>Readers :</b> M Brennan
<b>Minister:</b> M McGrory	<b>Minister:</b> P Jefferies

**St Joseph the Worker—8am Sunday :** K Jordan

**Cleaning Roster (This week) :** M Czislowski; F Webb

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Holy Communion to the sick and housebound** - We are mindful that many of our parishioners have been unable to join us physically for Mass due to sickness, age or the pandemic. We are keen that they be visited and have Holy Communion brought to them by one of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you know someone in our parish area who would appreciate being visited, kindly call the Parish Office (3393-4980) and we will look to have them visited soon.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** will be held on

**Sunday, 23rd January at 9:00am.**



At the beginning of Mass, the children (Prep to Year 3) will be invited to proceed to the Parish Hall with our Safeguarding-approved volunteer catechists where they will celebrate and reflect upon the Sunday Scripture readings adapted to their level of understanding. The children then come back to re-join their families and the congregation before the Liturgy of the Eucharist begins.



**Feast Day of Santo Niño Mass** will be held on

**23rd January 2022 at 11:00am** at the Guardian Angels Church.

**The winner of draw 8 of the current Knights Silver Circle** is

Vince Chetcuti with Ticket No 60. Congratulations Vince and thanks to those supporting the charitable works of the Wynnum Manly Branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross. On behalf of the Branch, we wish you all a Happy New Year and pray that 2022 and beyond brings you everything you hope and pray for.

**Winner of Draw 9 of 10 of the Wynnum Manly Branch Knights of the Southern Cross** with the prize of \$40, is Anne Skitmore with Ticket No. 39. Congratulations Anne and thanks to all who support our local Branch of the Knights in our charitable and Parish works. Next week the final Draw of our current Silver Circle will see someone win either 1st prize of \$200, 2nd prize of \$100 and 3rd prize of \$50. Good luck all ticket buyers and Happy New Year to all. Our next Silver Circle will be on sale early in 2022.



## Message from the Archdiocese of Brisbane concerning Parish Volunteers

Please note the following updates to the Vaccination Policy which affect our parishes:

The deadline for parish employees, contractors and some parish volunteers to provide proof of vaccinations has been extended to align with the mandate for BCE schools.

Therefore, all parish employees, contractors, and some volunteers will need to have received **two doses of a COVID-19 vaccination by 23 January, 2022 or provide the appropriate medical exemption.**

**Typical volunteer roles that require to be vaccinated include:**

- \**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to sick (Hospitals, etc)*
- \**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to sick (Private Residence, etc)*
- \**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at Mass*
- \**Safeguarding Local Officer*
- \**Youth Co-ordinator*
- \**Ministries involving children such as: Catechists, Leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sacramental Coordinators and Altar Server Coordinators.*
- \**Volunteer cleaners for the church*

Note that **volunteers who distribute Holy Communion at Mass are now required to be fully vaccinated.** Additionally, the wearing of a mask while distributing Holy Communion is strongly recommended for clergy and these volunteers – even when masks are not mandatory indoors (at least for the meantime).

In line with this policy, may we request all volunteers who fall into the above category to **kindly provide the Parish Office** with a copy of your COVID-19 vaccine certificate **via email or by dropping a copy into the Parish letterbox** so we can forward them to the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Thank you very much for your support and cooperation in this, and for your generous service in our parish.



**For your information: The priests, friars and office staff at Guardian Angels Parish are all fully vaccinated against the Covid-19 virus.**