

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

NOTICES: All notices are subject to approval and must be received by 12 noon Wed for publication Sunday.

Sunday Services:

All services in January:

There will be one service only, at 8.30am.

Hymns for Sun 9th January 2022:

8.30 service:

TiS 402 Come gracious Spirit...

TiS 250 Christ, when for us, you were baptised...

TiS 282 The voice of God goes...

TiS 425 Come, Spirit blest...

Readings for 16th January 2022:

Isaiah 62.1-5

Psalms 36.5-10

1 Corinthians 12.1-11

John 2.1-11

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Office hours – the office is currently open Wed & Fri from 9am to 12noon.

Mowing Roster: a roster is being compiled for the mowing of the cathedral grounds and beside the hall. **Week 2 will be done by the Cathedral Chapter.** Please see Bev for weeks 1,3,4, or 5.

Farewell to Father Melusi: There will be a special morning tea for Father Melusi after the 8.30 service today.

The winner in the Christmas Raffle:

Congratulations to: The Reverend Barbara Blackford, who won **all 3** prizes!

1st prize – painting.

2nd prize – another painting.

3rd prize – potted plant.

Covid vaccination – could everyone who is on the rosters please provide the wardens or the office with a copy of your double vaccination certificate as soon as possible. This includes 7.30am service, 9.30am service musicians, choir and morning tea. These sheets will be stored confidentially with the Diocesan Registrar. Seating arrangements will remain the same until further notice.

ABM digital donation cards are available on the table in the narthex

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 27th February 2022. All reports are to be submitted to the office by 12 noon Friday 28th January.

Pew Reflection: "Look today to John the Baptist, an enduring model of fidelity to God and His Law. John prepared the way for Christ, by the testimony of his word and his life. Imitate him with docile and trusting generosity." - St Pope John Paul (1920-2005)

😊 **Sunday Smile:** For Dean Melusi - here are three words for you:



OK that's four – but you're worth the extra word!

Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral

9th January – The Baptism of Our Lord.



It is lovely to share in worship this morning. A very warm welcome to any newcomers or visitors. A special welcome to the family and friends of Tally, Austin and David who are being Baptised today.

Please join us for a special morning tea after the service to farewell Dean Melusi.

Sentence: The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' *Luke 3.22*

Collect: Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: grant that all who are baptised into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY:

The Church in Australia: The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn

CQ Diocese: Special Ministry District of Gracemere

People in the Parish and Beyond: CQ Men's organisations in the Parishes. The Church's relationship with media. The Uniting Church. Those living under dictatorships.

Partner Diocese- Popondota, PNG: Kumusi Archdeaconary Asigi, Dikowari, Kiae, Korisata, Kikinoda.

THOSE KNOWN TO US:

In Need: Brian and Jacqueline, Ray, Amy and family, Margaret, Roger, Des.

In Memoriam: Bernice Rippon, Angus Doyle, Sidney Domic

We care about you, so please let Dean Melusi or the Wardens know if you, a family member or someone you know, needs pastoral care or wants to be included in our prayers for healing.

9 January - The Baptism of Our Lord

In today's Gospel God's promise to bring salvation to the people of Israel is fulfilled not only in the birth and epiphany of his son Jesus but also in Christ's baptism by John the Baptist at the Jordan River. Jesus' baptism is a sign of God's faithfulness, and God speaks and is heard by multitudes who have come to hear John speak and to experience his baptism themselves, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins. For us, as Christians, baptism is at the heart of our lives, for we are baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Our own baptism is a reminder of God's constant presence in our lives. (Dean Melusi).

1st Reading – Isaiah 43.1-7

¹ But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴ Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶ I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth - ⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Hear the word of the Lord, ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven:

ascribe to the Lord glory and might.

² Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:

O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.

³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:

the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon the great waters.

⁴ The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:

the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:

the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ He makes them skip like a calf:

Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash:

the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert, the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.

⁸ The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees, and strips bare the forests:
in his temple all cry 'Glory.'

⁹ The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:

the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.

¹⁰ The Lord will give strength to his people:

the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.

2nd Reading – Acts 8.14-17

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel – Luke 3.15-22

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke chapter 3, verses 15-22

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' ¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added to them all by shutting up John in prison. ²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

For the Gospel of the Lord, ***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ***

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