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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 103)

ANTIPHON: Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

RESPONSE: Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

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!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

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

NEXT WEEK (2nd Sunday of Year C) Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 95; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

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Inspired by the baptism of fire



9 January 2022 Baptism of the Lord, Year C

Today marks a turning point in the liturgical year when we move out of the Christmas festive season into Ordinary Time.

We mark that turning point with the gospel account of a major turning point in Jesus' life and in salvation history. It comes with the Baptism of Our Lord. For Jesus, his baptism marks the beginning of his public ministry.

For salvation history, his baptism heralds the coming of a new age, a new era. Gone now is the era of the Old Testament, when the people of Israel, guided by the Law and the prophets, waited with great hope and expectation for the coming of the Messiah and the liberation that he would bring. He was come now.

Jesus, however, wasn't the saviour they were expecting. For a while, John the Baptist looked like the one. But John had no doubts. He recognised Jesus as the Lamb of God, and proclaimed that "He (Jesus) will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Jesus' baptism culminates with the appearance of the Holy Spirit, descending on Jesus "in bodily shape, like a dove" and a voice from heaven proclaiming: "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you."

The references to the Holy Spirit remind us of two other significant moments in salvation history. Firstly, in the story of creation in Genesis 1, the Holy Spirit hovered over the earth when it was formless void and shrouded in darkness, and heaven and earth

were then completed with all their vast array. Secondly, in the story of Noah and the Flood (Genesis 6-9), it is a dove which brings the good news of the end of the Flood, a new start, a new creation. This then is to say that to be baptised with the Holy Spirit is to make a new start, to be renewed and re-created. It means a major turning point in our lives.

But John the Baptist proclaims that the baptism which Jesus brings is not only with the Holy Spirit but with fire. This reference to fire reminds us of the tongues of flame that descended on the apostles at Pentecost and that inspired them to go forth fearlessly and preach the gospel to the whole world. So too does the fire of baptism inspire and urge us. Know too, however, that the fire will also divide us, exposing the division between those who accept and those who reject the offer of salvation and the demands of the Kingdom.

The gospel account of the baptism of Jesus reminds us of our own baptism when we were made into sons and daughters of God, filled with the Holy Spirit, and commissioned to spread the good news of Jesus' coming and the gift of God's grace in the world. Let us give thanks and take heed from Titus who urges us in today's first reading to give up everything that does not lead to God and have no ambition but to do good.

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Sat 6pm

Sun @ 6.30am, 8.30am



MASS ON AUSTRALIA DAY ~ 9am tbc

Reconciliation Sat 5.30pm or by appt.

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FYI Regina Caeli delivers newsletters to those who find themselves isolated and unable to visit parish.

Children's Church will resume Sun Feb 6, 8.30am Mass for Term 1. We look forward to all joining us.



Children's Church

2022 Boxes of Envelopes available now in foyer. New users are asked to add name/no of box to list in foyer. Thank you.



Something to ponder from Fr John in light of our parish in transition and our needs...

In 2003 I was appointed to Regina Caeli as administrator. I was number 5 in 4 yrs to take on that role. As such I inherited the work achieved by Fr Pat McCormick & those who followed in those intervening years. No parish is one person, no matter how talented. Being part of a parish is a way of life & in long term is to continue contributing over many yrs. It is this generosity which gives hope and life to the community. Having experienced this generosity, my prayer is that it continues bringing life and hope to its members. Thank you for the opportunities afforded to me over many years. *JPG*

It is sometime since we have run an **urgent appeal** for new helpers in our special parish, Regina Caeli. Now is no different but alas more important for all to take the baton & help sustain the parish. In time of transition we need to work together & find the joy of volunteering & ask all accept one volunteer role in the parish no matter how small. At present these jobs are being done by a few & an injection of help is essential. Many jobs need help including:

- Yard maintenance: mowing, pruning, etc**
- Garden bed: weeding / watering**
- Washing of altar cloths** **Sacristans**
- Communion to the those isolated at home**
- Flower persons** **Church cleaning**
- Hall tidy duties** **Musicians & Singers**
- People to take up the plate** **Readers**
- Altar servers** **Children's Church helpers**
- Any other ways you think you can help**
- Helping at Mass in other ways**

The more volunteers we have the less the timeslots required per person. Jobs are not complicated and all parishioners are qualified. If you can see your way clear, we would appreciate your help. Let us know at the office how, when you can assist.

Church Volunteers **Which Box will you tick?** ✓
To get the ball rolling, Regina Caeli invite all to 'After Mass Meetings' scheduled in church on w/end of Jan 15/16. It allows opportunity to become 'in the know,' to volunteer, ask questions.

It is timely to remind all to contact the parish office for all enquiries in any Sacrament and/or if there is need to organise funeral for your loved ones.



Coming Jan 2022

Jan 9 The Baptism of the Lord

Jan 15/16 Meeting after all 3 Masses in church

Jan 16 Ordinary Time 2

Jan 26 Australia Day Mass, 9am (time TBC)



RECENTLY DECEASED: DR JOHN RUTHERFORD, PADDY LOGAN

MASS INTENTIONS Bob & Marie Ward, Anne-Marie Ward, Peter Ward, Rick Randall & members of extended Ward family; Jack & Joy McNamara, Diane McNamara, Jack, Pat & Mick O'Connor, Ivan, Nancy & Stephen Garrett, Gloria & Anne Marie McMahon, Leo & Gay Ryan;
SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Joshua Chester, Pat Cochrane, Veronica & Cathy Comiskey, Claire Cotter, Brian & Thera Harding, Paul Heathwood, Allaura Hows, Kath Keogh, Nicky Logan, Trish McConnell, Fr Ron Mollison, **John Mulcahy**, Michael Mulcahy, Marie-Louise O'Brien, Pam O'Reilly, Peter Owen, David Parker, Peter Reid, Wal & Joyce Smith, Lester Steen, **Marie Taylor**, Nathaniel Williams, **Pat Weir**, Zelina & family

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Now more than ever, we must be vigilant in maintaining clean parish buildings and surrounds. We remind all of need to **sanitise** space on exit of all areas always.

Stay Home if you are unwell
Check-in via mobile on arrival
Use provided hand sanitiser on entry
Keep 1.5m from others
Wear a face mask

Regina Caeli 2022 Mass Arrangements
Sr Kari Hatherell osu, Transition Project Officer writes...
Dear Parishioners of Regina Caeli,
As all know 2022 will be a time of transition as you move towards a new model of parish. While there are a number of unknowns in this process, there are a number of knowns as we begin the New Year. *In a nutshell...*
Sat Night & Sun Masses continue with visiting priests. Fr Leo Burke & Fr Kevin Smith will supply for Jan, Fr Jim Smith & Fr Roger Burns will join in Feb. **Morning Masses will cease until Feb** as it is not sustainable to have a daily Mass, however, Mass will be celebrated on Australia Day @ 9am (time TBC) **A rethink of how best to go forward will be navigated.** Parishioners will be invited to participate in process during Feb & March. More about this later. Sr Kari is looking forward to working with parish over the months ahead. Change is challenging but can also breathe new life into old structures... Letter in full available in foyer.

PROCESSIONAL F ANDERSEN **COME TO THE WATER**

R/- Come to the water! You who are thirsty! Though you have nothing, I bid you come! And be filled with the goodness I have to offer! Come! Listen! Live.

V1 Why spend your money on what cannot fill the emptiness deep in your heart? Listen to My word and you will enjoy goodness and peace in your heart!
V2 Just as the heavens are high above earth, my ways and thoughts beyond you! Call me your Father and know I am near! I will be Father to you!

OFFERTORY B BONIWELL **PREPARE THE WAY**

V1 There was a man of God whose name was John. He came to speak for the Light. The voice of one in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord."
R/- Prepare the way of the Lord (x4)



COMMUNION B DUFFORD **LIKE A SHEPHERD**

R/- Like a shepherd He feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in His arms, holding them carefully close to His heart, leading them home.
V1 Say to the cities of Judah: Prepare the way of the Lord. Go to the mountaintop, lift your voice: Jerusalem, here is our God.
V2 I myself will shepherd them, for others have led them astray. The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds and pasture them, giving them rest.

REFLECTION B BONIWELL **THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD**

V1 The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow, wherever he leads me, wherever he goes. Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways, valleys and highways, he's waiting for me.
R/- I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow, wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

V2 And while on the journey to where we are going, he promised to be there to help us along. And over the mountains we'll walk on together, to know all the wonders he's given to me.

RECESSIONAL B FARRELL **GOD HAS CHOSEN ME**

V1 God has chosen me, God has chosen me, to bring good news to the poor. *God has chosen me, (x2) to bring new sight to those searching for light: God has chosen me, chosen me:
R/- And to tell the world that God's kingdom is near, to remove oppression and breakdown fear, yes, God's time is near, God's time is near, God's time is near, God's time is near.