

Dear Parishioners,

In today's Gospel we hear another much loved story from the Scriptures, that of the baptism of Jesus. Perhaps this story appeals to us because it is about something with which we are so familiar; the Sacrament of Baptism, which most Christians have experience many times. It is also comforting to know that Jesus, too, felt compelled to be baptised by John. It makes him in seem more like us, that we share in this same baptism. Until Jesus came up out of the water, it was just another ordinary day on the Jordan.

What happened next though, was anything but ordinary! And what makes it extraordinary is not "what happened", but "who happened". For in this next scene we have the voice of God the Father proclaiming "You are my Son, the Beloved", as the Holy Spirit descended upon him: the Trinity, made manifest. Truly, a momentous moment in salvation history: and one which is repeated each time a child or adult is baptised in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. As we pass through the waters of baptism, the Father looks down and says, "You are my son/ daughter, the beloved" and the newly baptised receives the gift of the Spirit, to become the child of God. It is one of the joys of my priesthood to witness this miracle over and over.

We should never take our baptism for granted, or treat this Sacrament lightly. It is a gift more precious than any other, given to us to use in our ministry here on Earth. Jesus used his baptism to gird himself with the strength he needed to go out and transform the world. Do we do the same? - Fr. Sunny



Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Margaret Hubery, Luisa Ranalli, Toribio De Luca, Ann Dea, Michael Carone;

Anniversaries: Janice Daily, Mariangela Tassone, Shian Coggins, Tony and Dorothy Mascarenhas, Fred Ienco;

Deceased: Charlie Miranda, Michael Czaski;

The Sick of the Parish: Maria Stillitano, Lisa Delaney, and all who are in need of our prayers.

*"I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song."*

PILGRIM STATUE: This week in the home of Mrs I Owen, 14B Camden Road, Dianella. Ph: 9276 8062

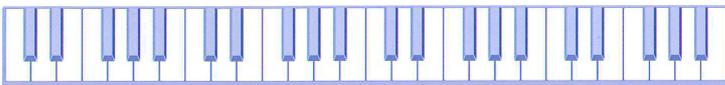
Calendar of Saints

13th January: St. Hilary, Bishop (368AD)

17th January: St. Anthony, Founder (356AD)

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY—NEW ROSTERS AVAILABLE

Ministers who have not received their new roster by email are advised that you may collect a copy of the roster from underneath the Ministry board in the foyer.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Rite of Election
Thursday 26 February 2015
7.30PM

INVITATION TO ALL PARISH CHOIRS
Parish Choirs are invited to welcome adults on the path to
The Sacraments of Initiation at Easter
Conducted by Director of Cathedral Music:
Jacinta Jakovcevic

More information on the foyer notice board

 Catholic Archdiocese of Perth
Personal Advocacy Service

VACANCY: TEMPORARY OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR – PART TIME

Personal Advocacy Service (PAS) is an Archdiocesan Agency that provides one to one support for people with intellectual disabilities to enable them to live fully as active members of their local community.

www.paswa.org.au

PAS requires an Office Administrator to work in a job-share position (2-3 days/week). The right person will be required to handle a variety of duties including administrative support, book and record keeping, word processing and reception and be available to start week beginning 26 January. The PAS office is located in Morley.

Applications close: Friday 16 January 2015.

For further information please call Anabelle on 9275 5388.



*Congratulations to
Victor and Lilian Raphael
who celebrate 60 years of marriage
on Saturday, 10th January 2015*



On 7 February 1965, St Norbert College opened its doors to 28 boys in Year 6. These boys and their families joined the Norbertine Canons to form the foundations of a community and co-educational student body, which is now in excess of 800, and will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2015.

Preparations are well under way for a number of formal and informal events, which will commence with a Community Mass to be held on the College grounds on Sunday, 15 February 2015. Ex-students of the College are also invited to attend group reunions to be held throughout February and March 2015. Details, year groups and dates of reunions and all other celebrations will be published on the College website, <http://www.norbert.wa.edu.au> throughout the year.

**PARISH OFFICE AND PARISH CENTRE
CLOSURE:** The parish office and centre will be closed until Monday, January 19th.