

OUT OF HOURS MEDICAL EMERGENCY
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"He must increase, I must decrease"

Administrator

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5pm;
Sunday 7.30am, 9.15am, 6pm.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday-Friday 7.45am (Monday & Tuesday with Lauds)
Saturday and Public Holidays 9am.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK First Friday
4pm Mass

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE Friday
after morning Mass; First Friday
3.30pm; Saturday 9.30am (after
morning Mass) & 4.30pm; Sunday
7.00am.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Baptism
Preparation - 9.30am second and
fourth Sunday of the month
Sacrament of Baptism - 11.00am first
and third Sunday of the month . Please
contact the parish office for more
information.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT** Saturday after 9am Mass
until 10am Monday until 9am (Public
Holidays 10.15am) Thursday 7.30pm-
8.30pm for the needs of the Parish.

PARISH CHOIR Enquiries: 0417 659
526. Practice Wed nights in the church
@ 7pm. New members welcome.

Christian Meditation Thursday
afternoons from 2-3pm and Monday
evenings 6-7pm, in the Leo Mahon
room. All welcome!

St John the Baptist Church
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Let us go re - joic - ing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David
our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Readings: 1st December 2019
Is 2:1-5; Rom 12:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Keep Us In Your Prayers OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF:

Recently Deceased: Sr Elizabeth Carr SGS, John Hickey.

Sick: Michael Taylor, Kathleen Bezzina, Geoff Floyd, Elaine Finlayson,
Tom Searle, Bill Seton, Joan Kelleher, Brian Smith, Jason Simon, Vicki
Pirie, Patricia Dwyer, Donna Vella, Donna Briemer, Oscar James
Morreti, Betty Fraser, Luis Emilio Garrido, Audrey Kirkman, Malin
Tugaga, Pamela Power, Mary Scarf, Louis & Rose Aloisio, Amanda
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Wood, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Jo Farrelle, Anne Singleton,
Tina Cohen, Janice Green, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros
Harbig, Sheila Rogan, Karen Chorazyczewska, Ian Wilks, Michael
Hourigan, John Horrigan, Ed Hyland, Daphne McNab, Shirley Crotty,
Ada-Primrose Murphy, Tim Parker, Lorraine Smith, Larry Cresswell,
Ken Joyce, Alison Richmond, June Townsend, Andrew Muggs, Sheila
Houghton, Chrissy Toms, Frank Levy, Dorothy Fulton, Roger
Mitchell.

Quotes from Amoris Laetitia... "The Joy of Love"
Pope Francis

We also find it hard to make room for the consciences of the faithful, who very often respond as best they can to the Gospel amid their limitations, and are capable of carrying out their own discernment in complex situations. We have been called to form consciences, not to replace them.

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Mission and Vision
Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL, through:
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Solemnity of Christ the King
24th November, 2019, Year C

Gospel Reflection - © Fr Michael Tate



Memory is an awesomely powerful phenomenon. A passing comment or even aroma can lead to the vivid recall of some event, some person, and we can still feel the joy or sorrow, the happiness or trauma. But it can decline. One of the sadnesses about a person suffering from Alzheimer's Disease is that one cannot be sure that one's dearly loved father or mother really remembers you, and you desperately want to be 'brought to mind'. Again, if you memorise something, you are said to 'know it by heart'. That is why we want to be remembered by someone important to us: we want that person to 'know us by heart'. Wouldn't it be wonderful to know that God *always* remembers you, remembers me, that we are *always* 'in mind', that God 'knows us by heart'. That would be a powerful remembering.

In today's Gospel, amidst all the scoffing and jeering and the taunting of Our Lord: 'If you be the king of the Jews ... , one of the criminals crucified with Jesus simply pleads: 'Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.' 'Jesus'. Surprisingly, this is one of only two instances in the Gospels where Jesus is addressed by his name. 'Jesus' is a short form of the Jewish name 'Joshua' which means 'Yahweh helps' or 'may Yahweh help'. This poor tortured criminal recognised in his fellow crucified someone who embodied the power of God to save him – to save him from the realm of everlasting death and to transfer him to the divine realm of everlasting life. Unlike the jeering and taunting leaders, he saw the truth of the inscription: 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.' He was invoking the Kingly power – the power of absolute pardon responding to a petition for mercy. But he does not plead for mercy in so many words. He simply pleads: 'Remember me'. It was enough for him if this Jesus would 'bring him to mind', would 'know him by heart'. It was enough for him to be imprinted on Jesus' memory, and saving consequences would follow. Even after the dissolution of the body in death, he could be remembered in heavenly glory. This is an exercise of sovereignty which befits 'Christ the King'. At times, the church has emphasised the all too worldly aspects of that title, symbolised perhaps in the bestowing of the triple crown on the Pope at his coronation in years past. However, the true sovereignty of Jesus Christ is perfectly shown in this little episode in His dying moments on the throne of the cross: 'Today, you will be with me in Paradise.' Jesus demonstrates all the kingly power you or I will ever need and he shows that he will do so not by lording it over us, but, as with the criminal on Calvary, being close enough to really gaze at us so that we are imprinted on his mind. So one of the tasks in life is to put ourselves in a position where we can be confident that Jesus is alongside us: in our acts of practical compassion for the poor; in forgiving someone who has wronged us; in coming to Mass in response to Jesus' imperative at the Last Supper: 'Do this in memory of me.' Do these things and we can be sure that Our Lord is present, close enough to gaze on us, close enough at the moment of death to hear our voices joining that of the criminal on Calvary: 'Jesus, remember me, know me by heart.' And He will, and when He does, that is our salvation — *that* is to be in Paradise.

Parish News

The Book of the Names of the Dead will be in the Church during November. You are invited to write the names of the faithful departed in it. A lamp will be lit at all Masses.

November Envelopes: Available from the gathering table.

Parish Family Ministry Christmas Hampers: List of various types of hampers needed are on display this weekend. Hampers to be returned by the weekend of 7/8 December.

Sound system: We are in the process of changing our sound system. This will be done in two phases. The first phase will be the PA System upgrade and the second phase will be the Radio Mic System upgrade. If you would like to contribute to the upgrade, the cost is due to be \$6,165.50. Work will commence soon.

Blessing of the Jesse Tree: Sunday 1st December after 9.15 am mass in the Leo Mahon Room.

Thanks: A big thank you to Dorothy and her sacramental team for all their hard work in preparing our children for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. A big thank you also to all the volunteers who assisted with the celebration of the Feast of the Dedication of the Church last weekend.

Parish Welcome: We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Peter Lennon who is a Broken Bay seminarian. Peter will be gaining pastoral experience in the Parish from this week until Christmas. He will be observing and learning from Fr Timothy during the course of his visit.

IT Upgrade: We are in the process of updating our IT systems. We will keep you updated with progress.

St John Paul II Pilgrimage

20 days Pilgrimage to Croatia and All Italian Shrines with Fr Timothy Raj MSFS Spiritual Director. Francis Williams (Travel Coordinator)

Depart Sydney Thursday 3 September 2020 and return Sydney Tuesday 22 September 2020 (17 nights)

Trip includes

Round-trip airfare Sydney/Dubai/Zagreb/Dubrovnik - Venice/Dubai/Sydney. One way flight Split/Rome
17 nights centrally located 3 stars hotels: (or similar)

04-08 September 2020	Medjugorje	4 nights
08-11 September 2020	Rome	3 nights
11-13 September 2020	San Giovanni Rotondo	2 nights
13-16 September 2020	Assisi	3 nights
16-18 September 2020	Florence	2 nights
18-21 September 2020	Padua	3 nights

Further details to follow.

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Retreat Day

Saturday November 30th, 9.00 am to 3.30pm
St John the Baptist Church

"Living in the Divine Will" with Fr. Hugh Thomas C.Ss.R.
The programme details are as follows:

08.45	Divine Office prayer before Mass
09.00	Mass
09.30	Exposition and Confession
10.00	Morning Tea
10.20	1st talk - Introduction to Living in the Divine Will
11.10	Break
11.20	2nd talk - Living in the Divine Will followed by Q&A
12.30	Lunch
13.15	3rd talk - The hours of the Passion
14.00	Break
14.10	3rd Talk - Points to take away
15.00	Divine Mercy Prayer
15.15	Final chance for questions and sharing
15.30	Finish
17.00	Sunday Vigil Mass

Registration forms are located in the gathering area.
Please add your name to the list for catering purposes.

Pastoral Plan – Vision and Mission on Hospitality

The hospitality team will be sharing with you the work that has been happening behind the scenes on how we can build upon the hospitality culture we provide here at SJB. Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL through hospitality is for everyone and that includes those who do not attend our church. What will hospitality look like here at SJB? We are very excited with this new initiative and we ask for your prayers, your ideas, your gifts and your talents. If you have any questions please contact the Parish Office 4341 1073.

Fransalian Quote

"It is a great part of our perfection to bear with one another in our imperfections; for there is no better way of showing our own love for our neighbour."

St. Francis de Sales

Our Pope's call to all Catholics

"Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization"
(Apostolic Exhortation : *Evangelii Gaudium*)

There is no better way to be actively engaged in evangelization than to be a catechist teaching the catholic students of our parish who attend the state schools. If you are interested in finding out more about this ministry, ring the Parish Office on 4341 1073.

Tap & Go

Cashless society - we will be installing #2 tap & go machines shortly to facilitate those who would like to donate to the Church via card. One machine will operate in denominations of \$2 and the other will be in denominations of \$5. More details to follow.



Immaculate Conception

Sunday 8 December: Rosary 11.30 am, followed by Hour of Grace 12 noon - 1 pm, St John the Baptist Church. We will keep in those prayers the young people going to the 3 day Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Perth which starts 8 December.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church?

As the Catholic Church in Australia prepares for the first gathering of the Plenary Council in October 2020, we are all invited to discern how we are being called to be a Christ-centred Church. To learn about the process of discernment, visit plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au or speak with your parish priest. The November National Theme for Discernment is Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal. Further information in the Gathering Area.

Office for Safeguarding

Children and young people will be kept safe by adults who treat them with care, respect and compassion.

DROUGHT

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/drought

SCAM ALERT!

Please be aware of an email scam targeting parishioners in Broken Bay.

Some people have been receiving emails that are impersonating Broken Bay Clergy and Staff.

The emails are asking people to contact them, then further ask for vouchers or iTunes cards to be sent for a sick friend.

Please do not respond to these requests. Always check that the email is a valid address. The name will appear correct, but the address may be a gmail account. If that is the case, it is most likely a scam.