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St Catherine Labouré  
Gynea Parish.

The Feast of the  
Baptism  
of the Lord

Year B

Lord, Grant Eternal Peace to:

Recently Deceased;

*Bette Richards (Mother of Kathleen, Megan & Angela)*  
*Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Nowell Parish, Dr. Salvatore Gulisano, Shirley Street, Beryl Simpson, Gerard Price, John Mills, Helen Bombala, Glenn Dorman, Thelma Bloye, Lurline Anne Grime.*

We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:  
*Father William Hannon (1st Anniversary), Gerhard Wilhelm Badorrek, Billy Clark,*

**Also;** *Joe Caputo, Tracy de Lyall, Roy & Mary Esplin, Bill Godfrey, Rod Halter, Lionel Hurst, John Vincent Sidgreaves, Antonio Sorbara (25th Anniversary)*

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*We pray for all the sick of our Parish Community and their carers.*

*John Kane, Gerry Banister, Jean Bell, Pamela Buckley, Robert Cashman, Alice Elliott, Bev Hurst, Jonah Iona, Aileen & Larry McDonnell, Marie Rayner, Tony Ryan, Lindy Webb and Father Reg Wilson who is seriously ill.*

16 / 17 January 2021

*The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B*

	Sat 5 pm Vigil	Sunday 7:30 am	Sunday 9:30 am
<b>Acolyte</b>	David Gormley	Gary Reneker	Jim Gothard
<b>Minister</b>	Emma Honey	Paul Marsden	Barbara Foster
<b>Minister</b>	Matthew Delasey	Judith Rumsey	Michele Anthony
<b>1st Reading</b>	Jodie McKay	Judith Rumsey	Sue Day
<b>Psalm</b>	Julie Banister	Adele Greenaway	Anne Iffland
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Jenni Gormley	Doreen Vernon	Martin Iffland

May God and our Lady of Lourdes  
care for and protect all of us.  
God bless each one of you.

*Mons*



The SICK List of names is only kept for 4 months and will be started over again TODAY (9 / 10 January 2021) If you wish for a loved one to be mentioned, please contact the Parish Office. In 2021 we will extend the List of Names to 'pray for' on to the Parish Website.

Dear Parishioners,

Monday marks the return of the Church's cycle  
ORDINARY TIME (Year B)

**THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:** Today the Church celebrates the Baptism of the Lord which marks the end of the Christmas season. A WHISPER ECHOING HEAVEN Let us focus on Jesus' mystical experience as He emerged from the waters of the River Jordan... 'Suddenly the heavens opened.' Heaven and earth are communicating again! If heaven appeared closed to humankind it is now open again. 'And He saw the spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on Him.' Jesus experienced 'like a dove does' - a sense of being hovered over by the Divine Presence 'in dove-like fashion'. Each of us has shared in the Baptism of Our Lord, been incorporated into His Baptism. Divine love and power streamed from heaven to earth into each one of us; the Holy Spirit hovered gently over you.

*Father Tate (Tasmania)*

I would like to thank everyone for their many presents and cards which parishioners gave me. Very much appreciated.

**FREE MULCH:** Parishioners are welcome to collect free mulch from the Church yard. Good time in the holidays to do your gardens.

**FIJI CHRISTMAS APPEAL:** Congratulations to all. Even with numbers down, the support for the Church and the poor of Fiji raised **over \$20,800.20** at present. What generosity from such caring parishioners and visitors.

**CANS OF TUNA:** During January, we appeal for large cans of tuna to help the lads in Boystown. Please, just the cheapest brands, the boys need the protein not the expensive small cans, as they cannot afford loaves of bread with which to make sandwiches.

**CONTAINER NBR 273** went to Fiji this week. What a tremendous effort.

Dear Parishioners,

I invite all those members of the Altar Society, the Counting Team and the Clean Team to make contact with Grahame or myself as to whether they are prepared to continue in 2021 on their Rosters.

A note in the letterbox or an email (office@stcaths.org.au) would be appreciated so we can see where we are as a Parish going forward.

Let's get back to our regular Ministries ASAP...

*Mons*

**CHOIRS** will not have any more than 5 members and they will be set up in a space (the designated CHOIR AREA) that observes the mandated distances and requirements as per the Health Order by NSW Health - please **DO NOT** access that area when there is a Choir - wait until they have left before going to the Statues or candelabra.

ALSO, effective this past week, the Church is only allowed to 'host' up to 100 people for each Mass/Liturgy.

Please be aware that **FACE MASKS** must be worn by anyone 12 years and over in Greater Sydney (which has become mandatory - fines of \$200 apply for non-compliance)

**THANKS** to all who prepared the Church for Christmas Ceremonies - the Ministers, Servers, Audio-Visuals, Altar Society, Choirs, Wardens, Readers, Church Cleaners and those who set-up the Christmas Tree and statues, etc. What an extraordinary gift of time to the Parish by all individuals concerned.

**B-POINT TAP AND PAY SYSTEM:**

**We have had to relocate the tap and pay DONATION machine** to just outside the Sacristy.

It accepts your Mastercard and Visacard (including Visa debit cards) The DONATION is NOW set at \$10 per Tap. If you wish to donate more, you simply wait until the machine is ready and you can tap again. You can tap as many times as you would like - each tap is a \$10 donation to the Parish. **PLEASE NOTE:** that there are **NO** receipts (as they appear on your card's bank statement as Gynea Parish - GYMEA), also, there are **NO** refunds or tax deductibility.