

YEAR OF GRACE PARISH CELEBRATION

Jesus Christ, the Grace of God in Person

...there is much wisdom in the leadership of our Church asking us to take time out to pray and ponder our future in the light of the only real treasure we have -- Jesus of Nazareth... The face of Jesus shines out in so many ways in our Church here in Australia. His divine beauty is all around if we would 'open' our eyes to the grace. In a way one could argue that we need to rediscover the beauty of Christ's presence anew amongst us.

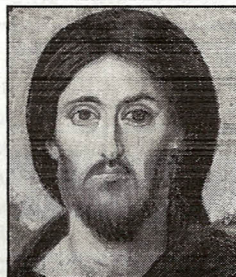
Reflection on the Gospel – Birth of John the Baptist by Veronica Lawson RSM

...John's name receives some prominence in the Lukan account of the announcement of birth and of the events following his birth. Contrary to the expectations of family and friends, this child is not to be named after his father. He is to have the name that God's messenger has announced to Zechariah. The Hebrew form of John, from which the Greek of the gospel is derived, means literally 'God [YHWH] has graced' or 'God [YHWH] has given grace'. Elizabeth will insist that the child is to be called 'John'. Her intervention is juxtaposed with the narrator's comment about God's 'great mercy' towards her in giving her this child. Zechariah finds his lost voice at this moment and uses it to confirm Elizabeth's word, implicitly demonstrating the grace of God at work in her. God's grace and mercy towards Jerusalem and its people are linked in Israel's psalms: 'You will rise up and have mercy on Zion, for it is time to grace it' (Ps 102:13). John's birth signals the outpouring of God's grace and mercy on God's people. 'What then will this child be?' is the people's question concerning John. We have the benefit of an answer to that question from the lips of the Lukan Jesus: 'A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet (Luke 7:26).'

Our Lady of Lourdes' Student Prayer

(By Jessica, Y6)

Dear God, thank you for blessing us with this wonderful term; we have learnt plenty and had lots of fun in the process. Thank you for all the new friendships we have made and for helping us be kind and loving to one another. May you keep us safe throughout the holiday and help us remember that Jesus gave his life so we could live. Thank you God for everything. Amen.



Dardanup Boyanup Catholic Church—Birth of John the Baptist(B), 17 June '12

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of
good will. We praise you, we
bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you
thanks for your great glory, Lord
God, heavenly king, O God, al-
mighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten
Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son
of the Father, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy on
us; You take away the sins of the
world; receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand
of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of
God the Father.
Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord, (**All bow**)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the
dead; he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Thank you for Praying for us...

General Intentions:

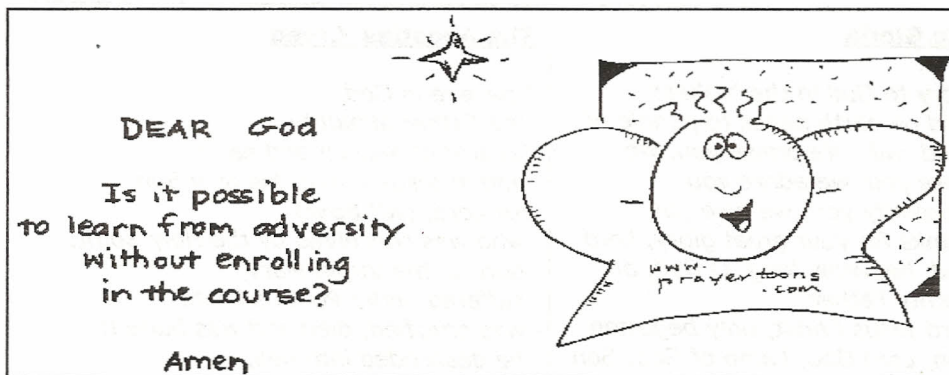
Sharon Hill, Aileen Gardiner, Sue Dillon, Rod, Eddy and Ann, Helen, Nathalie, Matt & Sara, Theresa, Rebecca.

Repose of the Souls of Pat Langridge, Timothy Pierce, Geoff Barrington, Owen Depiazzi, Frank Dwyer, Carmel, Olga, Les, David, Gerald, Albert & Betty Piacentini and all the poor souls in Purgatory.



Church Alive Parish Representatives:

We are happy to have three Church Alive Representatives this year. They are **Tammy Clift** and **Jan Prowse** for the *Baptismal Preparation Ministry*, **Peter Prinsloo** for the *Parish Liturgy Team and Groups*. Church Alive Program prepares our representatives for the specific ministry in our parish so that they will have the skills and support for the service they will render the community. We pray that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit in this endeavour.

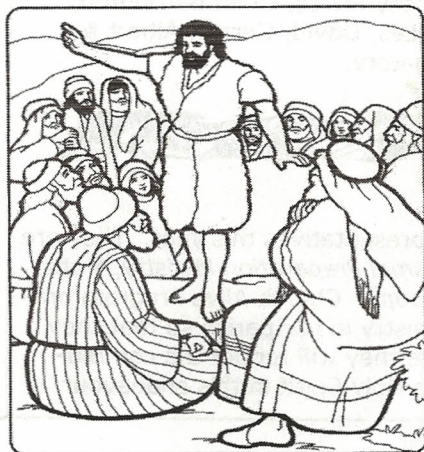


Clearing the path (A Faith Story)

John the Baptist: 'Prepare a way for the Lord. Make his paths straight.' 'How can we clear the obstacles and diversions that prevent Christ's love from finding a way into our hearts? Here is what one person said:

'The prayer path! One day I was feeling angry and abandoned because God seemed so very distant from me. But then it occurred to me that I wasn't putting aside the time for prayer like I used to. I was treating God like a spiritual fast-food chain. Run in, grab your fill, and run out again. I simply wasn't being available just to be with God. I'm not married, but I suppose it would be like trying to expect your marriage to grow without time spent with your spouse. My resolution has been to get up a little earlier each morning and just sit with the scriptures for 30 or 40 minutes before racing off to work.'

—Provided by Teresa Pirola



PARISH ROSTER OF MINISTERS

Eucharistic Ministers next week:

Saturday PM: **M DellaSale**

Sunday AM: **S Starr/ G Maslin**

Readers for next week:

Saturday PM: **D Maher**

Sunday AM: **J Pianta**

Offertory Presentors:

Saturday PM: **Maher Family**

Sunday AM: **Pianta Family**

Altar Servers for next week:

Saturday PM: **M Congdon/ G Ogilvie**

Sunday AM: **J Sinclair/ W Sykes**

LITURGICAL NOTE...

Seven Sacraments

'The Catholic Church celebrates seven sacraments. They fit into three Categories. Sacraments of initiation are: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation Sacraments of healing are: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick Sacraments in the service of communion are Marriage and Holy Orders. Sacraments have a real effect on the life of those who accept them as gifts from God. In and through sacraments people are invited to reflect upon the meaning and significance of their relationship with God, with others and with all creation.'

— From *Hearing God's Call* Session 23, Catholic Enquiry Centre

Feast Day of the Week

27th June St Cyril of Alexandria—Optional Memorial/ White

28th June St Irenaeus—Bishop, Martyr/ Red

St. Irenaeus was born in Asia Minor around the year 140. He was a priest of the Church of Lyons during the persecution of 177 when St. Pothinus, first bishop of the city and the first martyr of Lyons, was put to death. Irenaeus succeeded him as bishop and twenty-five years later was martyred in his turn during a fresh persecution. At a time when Gnostic sects threatened to undermine Christianity, St. Irenaeus vigorously denounced all heresies and safeguarded unity of belief by laying down the principles of the doctrinal tradition of the Church.

29th June Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles, solemnity/ Red

DO YOU WANT YOUR BABY BAPTISED?

Dardanup/Boyanup Catholic Church has formed a new ministry in the parish that will cater for the Baptismal Preparations necessary for your Infant Baptism. Please phone the parish office on 9728 1145 so that we can have your contact details and to organise someone from the group to visit you and assist you with your preparations. This will be the new process of Infant Baptism in our parish community from now on. Thank you for your cooperation.



Quote

'The Christian of the future will be a mystic or will not exist at all.'

— Karl Rahner SJ