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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 12/01/2025

Dear Parishioners,

At this Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. It is the great event because it is the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons in the **Holy Trinity**, and the official revelation of **Jesus as the Son of God** to the world by God the Father. Hence, it is described by all four Gospels. This celebration presents Jesus being baptized by John in the Jordan River. The celebration marks the end of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time.

Jesus baptism by John was a very important event in the Messianic mission. First it was a **moment of identification with us sinners**. Sinless, Jesus received the baptism of repentance to identify Himself with His people who realized for the first time that they were sinners. Second, it was a **moment of conviction about Jesus' identity and mission**: that He is the Son of God and His mission was to preach the Good News of God's love and salvation and to atone for our sins by becoming the "suffering servant".

God the Father's words, "*This is My beloved Son,*" confirmed Jesus' Identity as Incarnate Son of God, and the words "*with Whom I am well pleased,*" pointed to Jesus' mission of atoning for the sins of the world by suffering and dying on the cross. **Third, it was moment of equipment. The Holy Spirit, descending and resting upon Jesus in the form of a dove, bestowed on Jesus the power to preach and heal.**

**The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity.** It reminds us of who we are and whose we are. By Baptism we become sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of Heaven, and temples of the Holy Spirit.

**Jesus' baptism reminds us also of our mission** to experience the presence of God within us, to acknowledge our own dignity as God's children, and to appreciate the Divine Presence in others by honouring them, loving them and serving them in all humility.

**It is a day to thank God for the graces we have received in Baptism, to renew our Baptismal promises and to preach Christ's "Good News" by our transparent Christian lives of love, mercy, service and forgiveness.**

God bless you,  
Fr Raju Joseph CMI



### Weekday Masses

Tuesday 14 January

5.30pm Boonah

Wednesday 15 January

6.00pm Peak Crossing

Thursday 16 January

08.40am Rosary & Mass, Boonah

Friday 17 January

09.00am Boonah

### Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday 18 January

5.00pm Boonah

Sunday 19 January

07.30am Harrisville

09.30am Boonah

Marriages by appointment - at least six months notice is required.

Baptisms by appointment only.

Reconciliation : Saturdays at 4.30pm and by appointment.

## We pray with and for those who are sick in our parish and beyond:

Alex Wilson, Suzi Pei Chen Lin, Julie Anne Rook, Edward Hayes, Graham Wright, Thomas Thomas, Joe Przygoda, Yuko Shimamura, Allan Pascoe, Donna Pascoe, Liliana Toohill, David Sadlier, Suzy Collyer, Nicole Wimmer, Mary Wittman, Chris Healy, Libby Shields, Marko Babic, Max Gardiner, Bernadette Pinchin, Cate Mitten, Paula Ebrington, Lynne Nunan, Bea Bedard (USA), Lorraine Bakon, Moira Lehmann, Robert Hensen, Hans Mitterlechner, Sandra Skerritt and other sick members of parish families and those beyond our parish boundaries.



**Recently Deceased:** James Edward Stanfield



## JUBILEE YEAR 2025– PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Father in heaven, May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us,

Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of

our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,

be glory and praise for ever. Amen .

The Jubilee Year is a call to recognise the many forms of slavery, overt and covert, that are found in this culture and in our own lives – and to renew our faith in the possibility of freedom and commit ourselves anew to what freedom requires. Any pilgrimage – even the little pilgrimage of walking through the Holy Door – is a farewell to an old enslaving way of life and an embrace of a new way of life which the Lord crucified and risen makes possible.

The motto of this Jubilee Year is “Pilgrims of Hope”. Any journey we make through this year we make not as tourists or holiday makers but as pilgrims. It is a journey of faith. And it is driven by a hope which is not mere wishful thinking but the proclamation of a true hope in a world which often seems hopeless, a hope grounded ultimately in Easter. This hope is an expectation that what God has done in Jesus he will do in the world and even the cosmos.



**JOIN THE GUIDES & WELCOMERS TEAM**

Could you be the face of St Stephen's Cathedral that greets and welcomes our many visitors? If you have an interest in history and like being a part of a good team - this could be for you!

We are holding an Information Day at the Cathedral on Thursday February 6th for prospective Guides & Welcomers.

To find out more and register, please email [CathedralGandW@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:CathedralGandW@bne.catholic.net.au) or contact the office on 3324 3030





**SINULOG FESTIVAL 2025**  
and  
**Feast of The Holy Child Jesus**  
SEÑOR STO. NIÑO

**FEAST DAY CELEBRATION**  
Sunday, 19 January 2025

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. STEPHEN  
249 ELIZABETH ST, BRISBANE CITY QLD 4000

1:30pm - Novena to Sr. Sto Niño  
2:00pm - Holy Mass  
3:15pm - Cathedral Grounds Parade  
3:45pm - Sinulog Cultural Presentation  
4:45pm - Refreshments

BRING A PLATE TO SHARE

VIVA SEÑOR STO. NIÑO. VIVA PI-SEÑOR!

FROM QUEENSLAND AUSTRALIA DEVOTEES OF STO NIÑO

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We respectfully acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as the traditional owners and caretakers of the land on which the Bonah Catholic Parish is located. We acknowledge the Elders of the past, present and emerging. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.