

## Mass Intentions from 8- 14 Jan 2022

Sat. Jan 8/ - Robert Hayes - Norma Hayes

Sun. Jan 9/11:00 - 11:30 a.m. mass

**Live Streaming of the mass thereafter, distribution of Holy Communion at the main entrance of the church until noon.**

Nick Baird - Teresa Baird  
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott families  
Vincenzo & Rosina Roti - Lina, Behrooz & Frank  
Rosaria Bertucci & Vito Andreacchi - Elisabetta Nardi  
Remedios Diaz Donque, Kmarcelo & Sisenando Romero - Romero family

**Memorial- St. Marguerite Bourgeoys**

Wed. Jan 12/ Francesco Nardi & Francesco Andreacchi - Elisabetta Nardi

Thu. Jan 13/ Nick Baird - Teresa Baird

Fri. Jan 14/ Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Families - Teresa Baird

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Year C)

**“ You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.”**

**First Reading** (Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11)

The prophet Isaiah prepares us for the new age in which the kingdom of God will be realized. It is a time of forgiveness, peace and harmony.

**Second Reading** (Titus 2:11-14. 3:4-7)

We are offered new life through a completely free gift of God. Through baptism, we are reborn in the power of the Spirit.

**Gospel** (Luke 3:15-16. 21-22)

John the Baptist reminds the people that he is not an end in himself. He is the forerunner. Christ is the Saviour, and this is confirmed by the words of the Father at his baptism.

#### **Reflection:**

There are many false prophets and preachers in our world today.

Jesus is given to us as the sole answer to the world's longings. Every one of us looks for a meaning in life. We look for solutions to our problems, and we seek people who can guide us. Yet we often end up with less than satisfactory solutions.

God does not want us to be blocked off from the fullness of this love. He poured out his love on Jesus in the River Jordan. And now he wishes to do the same with us. He wishes to say to us today

**“You are my beloved. You are very special to me”.**

But he can only say this, if we allow him. We can only hear this, if we listen to him. We are invited to abandon our false gods and live our baptismal consecration in the power of Christ.

**We are reminded as we recall our own Baptism, that like Jesus, we are being sent out on a mission of proclaiming the Good News of God's love for others. This is our calling and our mission.**

**May you live out your mission of sharing in the ministry of Jesus and of proclaiming the Good News of God's love for others.**

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**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Raymond, Ivy & Fabian Edward.**

*By – Edward Family.*

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE

**55th WORLD DAY OF PEACE -1 JANUARY 2022**

**Dialogue Between Generations, Education and Work:  
Tools for Building Lasting Peace**

#### **2. Dialogue between generations to build peace**

In a world still gripped by the pandemic that has created untold problems, “some people attempt to flee from reality, taking refuge in their own little world; others react to it with destructive violence. Yet between selfish indifference and violent protest there is always another possible option: that of dialogue. Dialogue between generations”. [5]

All honest dialogue, in addition to a correct and positive exchange of views, demands basic trust between the participants. We need to learn how to regain this mutual trust. The current health crisis has increased our sense of isolation and a tendency to self-absorption. The loneliness of the elderly is matched in the young by a sense of helplessness and a lack of a shared vision about the future. The crisis has indeed been painful, but it has also helped to bring out the best in people. Indeed, during the pandemic we encountered generous examples of compassion, sharing and solidarity in every part of the world.

Dialogue entails listening to one another, sharing different views, coming to agreement and walking together. Promoting such dialogue between generations involves breaking up the hard and barren soil of conflict and indifference in order to sow the seeds of a lasting and shared peace.

Although technological and economic development has tended to create a divide between generations, our current crises show the urgent need for an intergenerational partnership. Young people need the wisdom and experience of the elderly, while those who are older need the support, affection, creativity and dynamism of the young.

Great social challenges and peace processes necessarily call for dialogue between the keepers of memory – the elderly – and those who move history forward – the young. Each must be willing to make room for others and not to insist on monopolizing the entire scene by pursuing their own immediate interests, as if there were no past and future. The global crisis we are experiencing makes it clear that encounter and dialogue between generations should be the driving force behind a healthy politics, that is not content to manage the present “with piecemeal solutions or quick fixes”, [6] but views itself as an outstanding form of love for others, [7] in the search for shared and sustainable projects for the future.

If, amid difficulties, we can practise this kind of intergenerational dialogue, “we can be firmly rooted in the present, and from here, revisit the past and look to the future. To revisit the past in order to learn from history and heal old wounds that at times still trouble us. To look to the future in order to nourish our enthusiasm, cause dreams to emerge, awaken prophecies and enable hope to blossom. Together, we can learn from one another”. [8] For without roots, how can trees grow and bear fruit?

We need only think of care for our common home. The environment, in fact, “is on loan to each generation, which must then hand it on to the next”. [9] We ought to esteem and encourage all those young people who work for a more just world, one that is careful to safeguard the creation entrusted to our stewardship. They go about this with restlessness, enthusiasm and most of all a sense of responsibility before the urgent change of direction [10] required by the challenges emerging from the present ethical and socio-environmental crisis. [11]

On the other hand, the opportunity to build paths of peace together cannot ignore education and labour, which are privileged settings and contexts for intergenerational dialogue. Education provides the grammar for dialogue between generations, and in the experience of labour men and women of different generations find themselves able to cooperate and to share expertise, experiences and skills in view of the common good.

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## Inspirational Quotes to help you overcome...

*“Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it.” — Helen Keller*

*“It is only in our darkest hours that we may discover the true strength of the brilliant light within ourselves that can never, ever, be dimmed.”— Doe Zantamata*

*“We either make ourselves miserable or we make ourselves strong. The amount of work is the same.” — Carlos Costaneda*

**As we continue to remember and pray for all loved ones lost through this virus, we pray for those who are sick and we also pray for those who live in denial of the virus, that the Lord gives us all the much needed Grace and Strength to live one day at a time. Amen!**