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**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: TO BE A LIGHT UNTO THE WORLD**

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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Year B – 9th & 10th January 2021

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

#### FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (55: 1-11)

*(Come to the waters; listen to my words and you shall have life).*

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts, my ways not your ways— it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and

succeeding in what it was sent to do.

The Word of the Lord.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Isa 12)

**All: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

**Reader:** Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

**All: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

**Reader:** Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name.

**All: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

**Reader:** Sing a psalm to the Lord for he had done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

**All: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

#### SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John (5:1-9)

*(The spirit, the water and the blood give witness).*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world - our faith.

# Parish News and Happenings

Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witnesses, the spirit, the water and the blood, and all three are three witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:  
This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the World.

### **Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL:

(Mk 1:7-11)

*(You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased).*

## Communion Antiphon

**Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.**

## **READINGS FOR 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Year B : 16th & 17th January 2021**

**1 Sam 3:3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20;**

**Jn 1:35-42**

**BAPTISMS are open. For Baptism Preparation** please contact Maria D'souza through email : maria197114@gmail.com or parish office.

**Please Note: BAPTISMS — On 2nd and 4th Saturdays & Sundays of each month at 11:30 am.**

**Notice : This Sunday 10th January is the 100th Anniversary of the death of Eileen O'Connor, Co-founder of Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor.**

The thanksgiving mass will be held at St Brigid's Church Coogee at 11am on Sunday. It will be Live streamed on eileenconnor.com.au

Sometime this year there will be a special mass at Holy Trinity Minto. Bishop Brian Mascord will celebrate the mass. Sr Kerry will let us know when as yet date not finalized. Possibly in June.

## **Reflection :**

## **Ripe for the call**

Alpine flowers bloom almost at the very touch of the spring sun. They are able to respond so quickly because they have been growing quietly under the crust of snow, and are just waiting for the door to be opened in order to burst out. They are ripe for the call of spring, ripe to grow and blossom.

Jesus had lived for thirty years at Nazareth. Why did he wait so long? Was he merely idling his life away? Nothing could be further from the truth. A vocation requires a period of apprenticeship and formation. The profound experiences that shape a person's character, the things that make him what he is, take time. People must be willing to serve an apprenticeship.

Jesus first of all lived a real and true life. He began by doing before he started to preach to others. He made sure his own garden was blooming before he set out to show others what to do with their gardens.

During the thirty years he spent there, Jesus had been growing quietly, growing in wisdom and grace. He had been pictured as a gentle boy, somehow different and apart, with an perpetually watchful air about him. Thirty years is a long time. However, it is better to have a relatively long time of preparation than to start before one is ready. During the quiet seasons Jesus had grown to maturity.

The call when it finally came was no stranger to him. It was always in him, but he couldn't hurry it. He couldn't have done it earlier. The future has to enter into us long before it happens. 'when destiny comes to a man from within, from his innermost being, it makes him strong, it makes him a god.'

It was a call to the service of his brothers and sisters. Jesus was ripe for this call. And the moment was ripe. John had started a movement of conversion, of turning towards God. A tide was flowing.

We too need to ripen. Not to be ripe is to be unable to respond properly. To give things to people before they are ripe for them is a waste. We have to await for the natural season. We learn patience from looking at nature. Nature takes its time. We see the slowness of the unfolding bulbs. The fruit that misses a single stage in its ripening process never attains maturity.

We too are called to grow in wisdom and grace. It took Jesus thirty years to reach maturity and to acquire wisdom. It will take us a lifetime to grow, to mature, and to ripen as human beings and children of God.

May God give us the patience and strength to nurture into ripeness the seeds he sowed in us on the day of our spiritual birth, the day of our baptism.

*Flor McCarthy SDB*

*New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgy.*

# Parish News and Happenings

## QR Code : Digital Registration :

Digital registration via QR code has now recommended by NSW Government for worship places. Our parish is committed to health and safety and to adhere to the rules, we will introduce QR Registration and make it mandatory from the weekend of 16th & 17th January 2021. (for all weekday and weekend masses as well as parish visitors & church hall users).

The Service NSW app collects this information and stores it securely in one place. The app makes record keeping and contact tracing safe and easy.

To achieve quick and efficient entry to mass, it is recommended all parishioners download the "**Service NSW app**" prior to arriving at the church. On arrival at mass you are asked to follow these 3 easy steps:

1: Use the QR code posters that are displayed in the main doors of the church and Foyer, to scan the QR code using your mobile.

2: Once you scan the QR code, you will fill in the details required. You will be asked to List your dependants, only one registration is required per household. There is no need to individually check in each member of your household.

3. Upon completion of your registration, your mobile will display a receipt. Please show the receipt to the Monitor.

For parishioners who do not have access to the a mobile the attendance Monitors will assist with digital registration. If you are unable to download the Service NSW app or need any assistance, please contact the parish office.

You still need to pre register for all weekend masses by contacting parish office or through email.

For booked Weekend Masses, please remember that if your situation changes and you are unable to attend, please inform the parish so that your spot can be allocated to someone else. Also, for the safety of others, please not to come to the church if you are feeling unwell, have a temperature, or show any other flu like symptoms. While in the church building, please also observe the social distancing requirements.

Your cooperation with these requirements is greatly appreciated. Thank You.

## Around our Diocese :

**The updated restrictions apply to our Macarthur parishes :**

**Face masks will be mandatory** in places of worship. Compliance started from Monday, 4 January 2021 with \$200 on the spot fines for individuals for non-compliance.

- Children under 12 are exempt but are encouraged to wear masks where Practicable
- Places of worship and religious services limited to 1 person per 4sqm up to a **maximum of 100 people** per separate area.

Weddings and funerals are limited to 1 person per 4sqm up to a **maximum of 100 people**.

## Summer Nights Retreat at Varroville January 2021

Register now for *Summer Nights* at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre with the Missionaries of God's Love (MGL's). An outdoor experience featuring quality talks and teaching, night sessions with praise and worship, drama, preaching, testimonies, and prayer. Mass, adoration and reconciliation will be available each day with COVID safe dinner provided.

**There are two options for young people to register, with the retreat twice during the week**

- Monday 11 January – Wednesday 13 January (3pm to 9pm)
- ◆ Thursday 14 January – Saturday 16 January (3pm to 9pm)

To register go to [www.summerschool.org.au](http://www.summerschool.org.au)

## A Vocation view

### **January 10, 2021 Baptism of the Lord**

Delight in God's call to you in baptism. What grace do you need to strengthen your commitment? Remember, God has set you as a covenant to the people.

If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)

# Parish News and Happenings

## Thanksgiving & Special Intention Mass offered for:

**Birthday** - Ethan Ratinon / Noel John Carson

**Thanksgiving** - Evelyn Camcam / Artuz Family / Jacinto Family / Annie Beardsley / Abigail Francisco / Reg Panganiban / Teng & Amado Manubay

## This week masses have been offered for the Sick and Special needs of :

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| * Jamie Masangkay       | * Mark Lemiere               |
| * Aida A Dayao          | * Joeslin Hebru de la Chaise |
| * Nancie                | * Makerita Faaso             |
| * Eva Silang            | * Lech Zielinski             |
| * Marivic Arguelles     | * Antoni Sison               |
| * Zara Sto Tomas        | * Grace Danfield             |
| * Zdravko Lovic         | * Maureen Donnelly           |
| * Rebecca Bernardo      | * Lesley Winnacott           |
| * Peri Bernardo         | * Sr Juliana Ioane           |
| * Aurora Estrella       | * Evelyn Camcam              |
| * Jennifer De Zilva     | * Rashika                    |
| * Clarissa Smith        | * Jason Kumar                |
| * Sheila Kreltszheim    | * Dragica Lovic              |
| * Joanna Paulynn        | * Imelda Ibanes              |
| * Jaypee                | * Francisco Garcia           |
| * Cathrine Lucre        |                              |
| * Jocelyn de Jesus      |                              |
| * Cristy Jordan Dimaano |                              |



## THIS WEEK MASSES HAVE BEEN OFFERED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL & DEATH ANNIVERSARIES OF



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| ✠ Kenneth Charles Fisher  | ✠ Kate Delaney      |
| ✠ Nicole Davidson         | ✠ John Milazzo      |
| ✠ Jerry Andre             | ✠ Trevor De Lile    |
| ✠ C. Peter                | ✠ Maria Nguyen      |
| ✠ Lizzie Fernando         | ✠ Felicitas Biag    |
| ✠ Josephine Suwanda Ratne | ✠ Jimmy O Neil      |
| ✠ Ivan Pierrot            | ✠ Rizalina Villa    |
| ✠ Gladys Joseph Carreau   | ✠ Tony Alfonso      |
| ✠ Rosy Tramonte           | ✠ Oiliadora Torres  |
| ✠ Maria Samonte           | ✠ Rosy Tramonte     |
| ✠ Leon Rego               | ✠ Teodork Grafilo   |
| ✠ Mercedes Carlos         | ✠ Wicktor Grabowski |
| ✠ Ada Bours               | ✠ Carl Mc Coy       |
| ✠ Sonia Salazar           | ✠ Raymunda Caleon   |
| ✠ Sarah Dempsey           |                     |
| ✠ Mathew Joseph           |                     |
| ✠ Anna                    |                     |
| ✠ Abraham                 |                     |
| ✠ Amy Dorothy Francis     |                     |
| ✠ Vincent Silvestre Jr    |                     |
| ✠ Mary Alphonso           |                     |
| ✠ Rufus Scheffer          |                     |
| ✠ Wisan Kado              |                     |
| ✠ Deceased Members of :   |                     |
| Helene Family             |                     |
| ✠ All Souls in Purgatory  |                     |



## 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, almighty 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 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,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (all bow)  
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.*