

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH KELLYVILLE

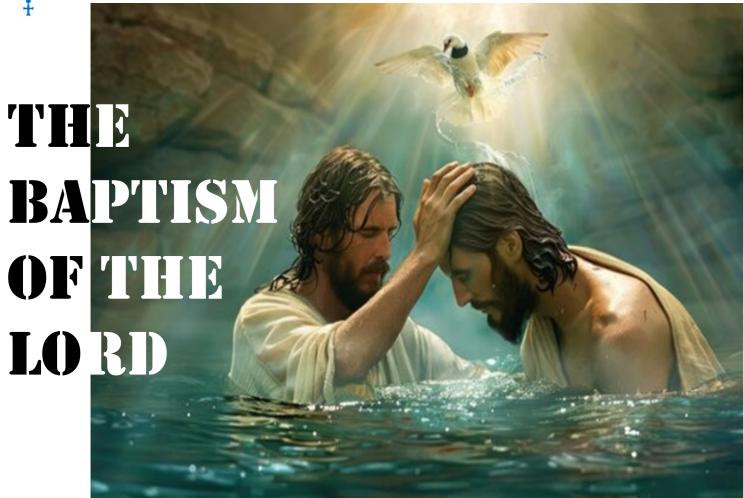
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Dear Parishioners, With this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we "fast forward" about a quarter of a century in Jesus' life. Today our Church season of Christmas comes to a close because the baby has become a man. Jesus comes as an adult to the Jordan River to fulfill the promise of Bethlehem and to begin the public teaching, healing, forgiving, finding and repairing He was born to do. Now His public ministry begins. This feast gives us the opportunity to call to mind our own baptism, whether as a baby or later in life, as the beginning our own faith journey. Let us endeavour to make this new year the best year of our life, particularly as we celebrate this Great Jubilee Year (24 Dec. 2024 to 6 January 2026). Let us continue to pray for one another. Fr. Chris Shorrock, OFM Conv.

There will be no TAIZE in January. TAIZE will resume on the FIRST Wednesday of each month beginning on

Are you able to help take down the Christmas

decorations in the Church? Please help us on

Condolences to the family of Maureen Hinton whose

funeral was on Friday 10 January. May her soul and the

souls of the faithful departed, through God's mercy, rest in

Saturday, 18 January after the 9.30am Mass.

Would you like to receive your **weekly bulletin via email**? Please send us your request here.

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5 February. [7-8pm]\

Professional Counselling is available for addictions, grief, loss, couple and family issues. Please call the parish office to enquire or to book an appointment. **Are you new to the Parish?** Please complete the Census Form on our website here or write to the Parish office requesting such Form here.

Would you like to serve as a volunteer in your Parish? Please contact the Parish office or write to us here. We need volunteers to vacuum the Church (we'll put you on a monthly or 8 weekly roster), others to serve as collectors at Mass, others to share responsibility for mowing the Church lawns, etc. If you have expertise or a desire to help in any field in which you can volunteer, please let us know if you are available to serve.

Militia Immaculata (MI) will meet on the first Saturdays at 10.30am in 2025, in the Parish Office. Next meeting is on 1 February 2025...

Plenary Indulgence 2025

According to the Decree on Granting of Indulgence during the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025, three places are designated in our Diocese to be visited by pilgrims seeking a plenary indulgence who are unable to make a pilgrimage to Rome:

St. Patrick's Cathedral Chapel, Parramatta The Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville Mount Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa

A Jubilee is a special and profound year of grace, mercy and conversion, involving prayer, pilgrimage, and sacramental repentance, held every 25 years.

The <u>Jubilee of 2025</u> will commence on 24 December 2024 with the Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica and runs to 6 January 2026, the Feast of the Epiphany, with the closing of the Door.

In our Diocese of Parramatta <u>many events that will be taking place</u>. In particular, all are invited to take a personal or small group pilgrimage to one or all three of our pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year:

A Jubilee Indulgence is granted to those who make a Jubilee pilgrimage during the year. For those who cannot make a jubilee pilgrimage due to illness or other circumstances, you are invited to take part in the spiritual movement that accompanies the Jubilee year, offering up the sufferings of their daily lives, and participating in reconciliation, prayer, and the Eucharistic celebration.

Pleases find a leaflet at the doors of the Church with more information.

Franciscan Shrine of the Holy

Innocents Open daily from 7am to 6pm. Come and pray in quiet beauty. All welcome to visit throughout the day. To book your weekday retreat or conference, please inquire on our website here. (Franciscanfriarsaustralia.org/shrineoftheholyinnocents)

Let's Pray for the Sick - Fidelino de Freitas, Marivic Valderama Monica Doyle, Tina Mastrodemenico, Christopher Ferro, Anil Bhareti, Frances McDonald, Tyler Amadeus Lianto, Pamela Lawrence, Gail, Grant Harrison, Barbara Apa, Ariana, Callum Lee, Eugene, Maureen, Frankie Fernandez, Pravani, Janice Larsen, Teodora Postaski, Michelle Nickols, Prylani, Franca Masciotra, Lynette Mary Crowley, Michael Sampedro, Michael Bright and all those who are suffering illness in our community. Please write to us <a href="https://example.com/here-example.com/he

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Are you looking to donate to your Parish?

If you would like to support the parish and/or friary, please send this form to the parish office. Alternatively, please call the office to leave your details.

Please accept my monthly / once-off donation to the parish and friary as follows:

| 1st Collection | (Church) | \$ |
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2nd Collection (Friary) \$.....

Expiry date:

Tel.

Name:

Christ's Catholic Community resumes on Wednesday 29 January, 2024. If you would like to join the prayer group which meets via Zoom each week at 7pm, contact Joe Apap on 0402 089 555.

Regular Confessions are offered on Saturdays at 10am, Mondays at 7.30pm or by appointment.

MASS INTENTIONS: 11 - 18 JAN. 2025

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| | Sat. 11 | 9.30am 6pm | Holy Souls Baiada family |
| | Sun. 12 | 7am 9am | PRO POPULO Lawrence and Rene Apap, Charlie and Jane Refalo |
| ٦ | | 11am 6pm | Joaquim, Mary and Norbert Joseph D'Souza |
| | Mon. 13 | 6.45am 7pm | FJHMJ family Andy Zahra, Wayne Holland, Sam Bugeja |
| | Tues. 14 | 6.45am 7pm | Brian, Eileen, Bernie Madden, Stevo Zivicic Robert Garratt |
| | Wed. 15 | | Intention of donor Holy Souls |
| , | Thur. 16 | | Aurora and Elpidio de Pedro Jacqueline Rivet |
| | Frid. 17 | | Noel D'Souza Franciscan Friars OFM Conv. |
| | Sat. 18 | 9.30am 6pm | Intention of donor Those enrolled in the Franciscan Mission Association |

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GOSPEL Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

- P. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with your spirit.
- P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
- R. Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

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, / 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.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

- P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
- R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with your spirit.
- P. Lift up your hearts.
- R. We lift them up to the Lord.
- P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PREFACE OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

R. It is right and just.

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink

we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

- P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .
- P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- R. And with your spirit.
- P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace. All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of

the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of

the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Jn 1:32, 34

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth. Through Christ our Lord.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you,

the Father, and the Son, ** and the Holy Spirit. R. Amen.

P. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

BELOVED OF GOD

Luke remembers the story of Jesus' baptism and shapes its theological power to speak to the Gospel's late first century Greco-Roman audience. They have been baptised in their induction into the life of their discipleship household. This story is a reminder that through their baptism they are intimately bonded to Jesus and, through him, to God.

There are three important features which Luke highlights. The first is about John the Baptist whose focus is on Jesus. He witnesses to the future coming of one "more powerful" than he. A second feature is the moment of Jesus' baptism. This occurs, unlike in the other Gospels, without the presence of John. (He is already in prison—a part of the story omitted from today's reading). In other words, Jesus' baptism is God's act. It occurs while Jesus prays. His prayer opens the sacred realm of God's abode, the heavens. The Spirit of God descends on him. Jesus continues throughout the rest of the Gospel to be God's Spirit-filled

Third, as Jesus is anointed with the Spirit, we hear God's voice and declaration of Jesus: "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you". Jesus is declared beloved of God, the one in whom God delights. Luke's theology of baptism is for the Gospel's audience, for us: We are baptised, God's Spirit acts within us, our prayer opens the Heavens for us; we are God's beloved daughters and sons in whom God eternally delights. This Sunday becomes a moment to celebrate the gift of our baptism and God's high estimation of us.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD / C

12 JANUARY 2025

THE CLEANSING WATERS OF REBIRTH. In Luke's Gospel, the baptism of Jesus marks the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of a new era, that of the saving ministry of Jesus. This feast, which occurs early in the new year, is a good time for us to resolve to begin a new era in our own lives. Putting the past behind us, let us commit ourselves to making a fresh start in our service and love of our brothers and sisters.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Mt 3:16-17 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.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. P. Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the Son of God and the Son of Mary: Christ have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Word made Flesh, the splendour of the Father. Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

(is either said or sung)

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptised in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isa 40:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

'Console my people, console them' says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her

that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for.

that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God

across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain,

and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it;

for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain,

joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice,

joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah,

'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PS Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30. R. v. 1 R. Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

- 1. Lord God, how great you are, / clothed in majesty and glory, / wrapped in light as in a robe! / You stretch out the heavens like a
- 2. Above the rains you build your dwelling. / You make the clouds your chariot, / you walk on the wings of the wind, / you make the winds your messengers / and flashing fire your servants. R.
- 3. How many are your works, O Lord! / In wisdom you have made them all. / The earth is full of your riches. / There is the sea, vast and wide, / with its moving swarms past counting, / living things great and small. R.



- 4. All of these look to you / to give them their food in due season. / You give it, they gather it up: / you open your hand, they have their fill. R.
- 5. You take back your spirit, they die, / returning to the dust from which they came. / You send forth your spirit, they are created; / and you renew the face of the earth. R.

SECOND READING Titus 2:11-14: 3:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus. He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

cf. Lk 3:16