

The BAPTISM OF THE LORD

13th January 2019

Entrance Ant: 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 : from the prophet Isaiah 40: 1 - 5, 9 - 11.

Responsorial Psalm : Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading : from the letter to Titus 2: 11 - 14, 3: 4 - 7.

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. Alleluia!

Gospel : according to Luke 3:16.

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

Sydney Archdiocese News

Vocation Discernment Weekend

Run By The Capuchin Friars 15-17th February 2019

Come away for a few days of quiet to reflect upon the inspiring and uplifting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This weekend retreat is for men aged 18-35. Begins 7:30pm Friday and concludes 4pm Sunday at the Marymount Mercy Centre, Castle Hill. There will be Mass on Saturday and Sunday, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available and quiet time. Come and reflect on God's will in your life, and these amazing ways of making a gift of self for the glory of God and in service of His Kingdom. The cost is only \$50.

Registrations required by 7th February: contact Father Thomas vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au or 0432 362 052.

<https://www.capuchin.org.au>

Volunteering with CatholicCare

Interested in volunteering to help seniors?

Based at our Liverpool office, we need callers to phone people waiting for government funded home care to check on their wellbeing.

Interested in volunteering to help children?

Based at our Lewisham office, we need people to help at playgroups for young, vulnerable mothers and their babies.

Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

*We are a community striving for growth, unity, equality,
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What did it mean for Jesus to come up out of the waters of the Jordan to experience the special presence of the Holy Spirit as though it were a dove, gently hovering over him? As a Jew, he would have been reminded both of the Divine Wind hovering over the void-become-creation, and of the dove bearing an olive twig as God restored humanity's life on earth after the Flood. The Holy Spirit was empowering Him for a re-creative role on behalf of humanity. His second experience was to sense God's delight and joy sounding, reverberating through every fibre of his body, every reach of his soul: 'You are my beloved Son, my favour rests on you.' Any baby, any adolescent, any adult who is baptised shares in these wonderful experiences. The dynamic power of the Holy Spirit hovers over the person as a gentle presence, preparing the one baptised for a mission on behalf of humanity. And every baptised person senses, below the range of hearing, the echo of the same marvellous words: "You are my beloved son or daughter, my favour rests on you." Is it any wonder that Our Lord adopted this water rite to incorporate his followers into such wonderful experiences as a power-full impetus to fulfil their mission to cooperate in God's saving plan for humanity? We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for the parent/s or other person/s who brought us into this tradition stretching over almost two millennia. May they be filled with all that flows from their being beloved sons and daughters of God.

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Parish News

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) next event

Plans to celebrate our Church turning 50 next year are well under way. We are currently looking for any memorabilia available from the early years until now. All photos/documents will need to be copies to avoid losses. The celebration will be on Sunday, 27th January, 2019 at the 9.30am Mass. As the Church was built by the Defence Forces Engineers there will be Army involvement and other dignitaries. There will be a BBQ after the Mass in the grounds of the church and parishioners are invited to bring a plate, e.g., sandwiches, cakes, nibbles, soft drinks/water. For catering purposes could you please indicate your attendance on the forms available in the new noticeboard in the foyer of the church.

For any further information please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842

Trash & Treasure

A new shipping container compliments of St Joseph's Parish, Moorebank has been delivered. The collection of quality saleable goods including books, CD's, children toys and homewares for the Trash & Treasure stall for our Fete on the 14th Sept, 2019 will commence on the 5th Jan, 2019. All goods to be left in the crate in the foyer of the Church. At this stage we are unable to accept electrical goods or heavy furniture. For any further information please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842.



Parish Ministry - Volunteers Required

The ongoing operation of our Parish would not be possible without the support of our Parish Community. As we begin the new calendar Year, we are in need of volunteers to ensure our Parish continues to operate efficiently. To that end, we are looking for Volunteers to assist with the day to day running of our Parish. At present we require additional support in a number of areas including Ministers of the Eucharist, Church Cleaners, Readers, Catechists, Linen cleaners, If you can spare the time to be involved in any of the above Ministries, please speak to Fr. Andrew or contact the Parish Office.

Drawing and Giving Life – NSW Pastoral Ministry Conference 2019

How do we renew our pastoral structures to draw and give life in the post Royal Commission Church? In what ways are we called to move forward and strengthen our ministries to serve the mission of Jesus Christ? The day includes networking with ministry leaders around NSW and two opportunities to engage with a variety of workshops with on the ground practitioners offering strategies for renewing and strengthening our pastoral mission. Normal rate \$75 (bookings after 17 December 2018). Dooleys Catholic Club Lidcombe. Tuesday 26th February 2019 / 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday	12th Jan	5 : 30 pmSpecial Intention
Sunday	13th Jan	8 : 00 amThe Sick
Sunday	13th Jan	9 : 30 amMass Intentions
Monday	14th Jan	9 : 15 amThanksgiving
Tuesday	15th Jan	9 : 15 amSouls in Purgatory
Wednesday	16th Jan	9 : 15 amMass Intention
Thursday	17th Jan	9 : 15 amThe poor
Friday	18th Jan	9 : 15 amAustralian Troups serving overseas

Reconciliation : Saturdays : 4:15 pm.

Baptisms : Second & Third Sunday of the month after 9:30am Mass.
Baptism & Preparation meetings by appointment only. stchris@tpg.com.au

The new Liturgical timetable will be issued in due course

Reminder :

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH CHURCH 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Sunday 27th January. 9:30am Mass



Saints of the Week / Feasts

Thursday 17th - St. Anthony

We Pray For The Sick

Peter Wanchalerm Srirattana, Brian Cooney,
Cyril Ferriere, Lise Ferriere, Anne Enriquez,
Barbara Becroft, Frank Ilankovan,
Steven Aboud, Sofia Abener

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

