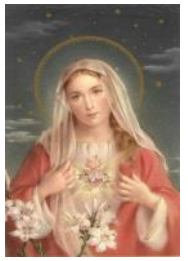




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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

DAILY MASS READINGS: 13—18JAN

Mon 13th Jan: Hebrews 1:1-6 & Mk 1:14-20
Tues 14th Jan: Heb 2:5-12 & Mk 1:21-28
Wed 15th Jan: Heb 2:14-18 & Mk 1:29-39
Thurs 16th Jan: Heb 3:7-14 & Mk 1:40-45
Fri 17th Jan: Heb 4:1-5, 11 & Mk 2:1-12
Sat 18th Jan: Heb 4:12-16 & Mk 2:13-17

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Total collection \$1114.00

Winners:

- 1ST: J Bas
- 2ND: T Azzopardi
- 3RD: S Shenadeh

Thank you again to all those who bought a ticket and to the Ladies Group for their hard work in making this successful.



Chrys Silva



Obet & Esperanza
Dionisio

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY THROUGH THE CARPARK

12th January 2025

SANCTUARY STATUE UPDATE

For a few weeks now, we have had the company of the statue of St Anthony in our new sanctuary. We are now ready to accommodate the others. The cost for each statue will be \$6700.00. This includes the manufacture of the statue and delivery. We have a way of providing a tax deductible option. Please speak to Anthony in the Parish Office. Thank you to all those who have donated to the statues thus far.

NO CHILDRENS LITURGY

During the school holiday's there will be no Children's Liturgy. Thank you to all the volunteers for their help in educating our parish children during the Liturgy of the Word.

PARISH VISION & MISSION

Our Vision Statement is:

To create a vibrant, loving Catholic community that inspires and empowers members to make a positive impact in our world.

Our Mission Statement is:

To provide an inclusive, engaging environment for members to deepen their faith, use their talents to serve others, and make a positive impact in our world.

GODS WORD 2025

God's word 2025 is available to purchase from the piety store for \$20 each.

Sick:

Margaret Cooper,
Nina Chavez, Ray Johnston, Precious Tamayo, Sophia Pal,
Dominic Fernandez, Liberty Ventura, Harrison Whelan,
Joseph Buttigieg, Jackson Naidoo & Faye Demagante
Chadia Kaminski

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Anniversary of Death:

Anthony Silva, Connie Domingo, Narciso Ignacio,
Julie Thivy, Alejo Macaraeg, Esperanza Repollo

Recently Deceased:

Pedro Maano, Benilda Coyco,
Triposa Mirabueno, Rosa Rillera, Fe Alegado,
Gigi M. Ramos

In Memoriam:

Merylin Deza, Deceased members of the Parcon family, Dave Culala, Aurelia Salgado Bernardo, Julio Rodriguez, Nancy Bartido, Deogracias Mirasol, Don Gaculais, Prem Sauni, Crispina Pancho, Benjamin Moores, Doreen Gois, Tony Gonsalves, Leslie D'Souza, Ivan Quintos, Lorna Hall, Renato Fornolles, Jane Nacario, Nap Mendoza, Charles Briffa, Tony Muscat, Flower Clement, Teresita Jumao-as, Angeline Yu, Steven Houghton, John D'Souza, Jacob Gonsalves, Theresa Amjadali, Fatima Lizi, Joseph Steven Camilleri, Edward & Teresita Ombina, Mamerta San Buenaventura, Annette Houghton, Antinitio Demagante, Rosemary & Joan Houghton, Albert Gomez, Maria & Jacob Gonsalves, Bibiana Malaluan, Mary Lucille Serrano, Marilou, Mariano Jr., Perpetua, Arsenia, Roberto & Marichar Serrano, Joselito & Bobet Serrano, Epifanio Serrano, Lois & Bede Hill, Marie Mackenzie, Ben McShane Hill, Albert & Michael Agius, Ruben Elago, Anthony Farrugia and family members, Bill Azzopardi, Calvin & Alberto Wijewera, Loretta & Joseph Desa, Claude & Rita Joachim, Regina—Benito Franado, Joseph Grech, Roberto—Maria Reyes, Antonio—Lucia Santos, Julio De Mello, Regina—Baby Granado, Regina & Cristeta Granado, Hugo Sr. & Marita Agudo, Naty Mutuc, Dominador Snr & Efigenia Granado, John & Frances Micallef, Stuart Richard, Dan Peiris & all the souls in purgatory.

May they Rest in Peace

Symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism

Candle



Symbolizes the emergence from darkness into the light.

Water



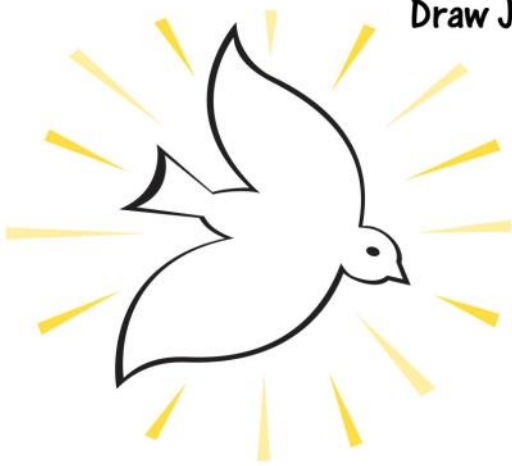
Symbolizes life, cleansing and growth.

White Gown



Symbolizes purity and freedom from sin.

Draw Jesus being baptized in the river by John the Baptist.



FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF LANKA

The Sri Lankan parish community, along with the Sri Lankan NSW Catholic Association, celebrates the

Feast of Our Lady of Lanka

At the 10.30 a.m. Mass on the 2nd February The Mass will be followed by a fellowship and sharing of delicious Sri Lankan food.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

Thank you again to all those who had donated presents under the Christmas Tree. However, there are some people and families that continue to struggle with the costs of living. If you know of anyone that needs some help, or with some supplies, please contact Roger Perera (0413 713 911) and he will do what he can with SVDP.

First Reading Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

‘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 all 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.

Responsorial Psalm 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 tent. (R.)
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

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.

Gospel Acclamation See Luke 3:16

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 Luke 3:15-16. 21-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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.’



LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE

For those who wish to become a Reader please complete the Ministry Formation course. The form to apply for 2025 is under the notice board. Please fill it in and return it to the office for Fr Oliver to sign.

THIS WEEKEND'S ROSTER: 11th/12th January**2nd Sunday of the Month**

Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A Conrad F	Angelo C Michael C	Joseph S Ding M Joseph A	Lina Z Isaac Z	Isaac & Lina Z	Arthur W Ralph H
Junior Servers	Kiana F		Aviel F Yavniel F Hadriel F Gabriel E	Rachael P Katrina C	Heleni M Johan M	J Machaya Samisoni W
Readers	Virginia F John F Edith M	Mercy E Pen B Rachelle L	Joy M Dianitha F Remy H	Mary C Kevin L Nerissa T	Lourdes M Louis E	Bernadette W Cheri-Anne L Andrew H
Special Eucharist Minister	Maria M	Therese M Maria M	Bessie M	Anna Z Esperanza D	Angela D	Patricia H
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F	Therese M Marcus M		Aubrey J	Fasa & Bruce M	
Music Ministry	Ray Pineda's Group	Recorded music	Blacktown Philippino Choir	Hosanna Eukaristi	Recorded music	Duly Noted
Power point	Jess P	Delyse P	Choir	Choir	Jelynn M	Choir
Piety Store		Sherry	Eva C	Joe A	Ines A	Patricia D

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 18th/19th January**3rd Sunday of the Month**

Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A John B	Angelo C Romany D	Conrad F	Isaac Z Lina Z	Paul M	Arnel R Lawrence F
Junior Servers	Kiana F		Aviel F Yavniel F Hadriel F Gabriel E	Katrina C Jeremy A Johan A	D & D De Leon Heleni M Johan M	P Marcial, M Georgie A Dass
Readers	Belen B Edward S Nikita D	Mere S Laurinda A Rachelle L	Amila F Mary F Rose B	Eleanor O Cora M Pat O	Divine M Bruce M Fasa M	Gary C Paea T
Special Eucharist Minister	Ralph H Jane A	Mary Mathew	Aida L Katherine	Lucy V Patricia Z	Rudy H Tasnia H	Juvy E
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F	Peter S	Brad & Angela A		A Aquini	
Music Ministry	Recorded music	Recorded music	Recorded music	Recorded music	Recorded music	Recorded music
Power point	Jess P	Delyse P	Tanishq A	Mercee M		
Piety Store	Merlyn F	Sherry	Therese B	Joe A		Patricia D

PARISH TEAM**Priest of the Parish:** Rev Fr. Oliver Aro MSP**Deacon:** Rev. Leon Decena OFS**Parish/Finance Administrator:** Anthony Saliba OFS**Administrative Assistant:** Marthese Sultana**Sacramental Coordinator:** Sr Valerie (0414638884)**Parish Office Hours:** Tuesday—Friday 9am to 4pm**Office Email:**

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Our current Mass services are as follows:

Monday – 6.00am only - Tuesday to Friday - 6.00am

and 9.15am - Wednesday 7pm - Saturday - 7.30am

Sunday Masses – Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm

Sunday- 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am, 12.30pm and 5.30pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday's 4pm to 5pm

THE SACRAMENTS**Baptism & Preparation for sacrament:****Baptisms on Saturdays at 10:00am & 11:00am**

Two children per Baptism ceremony on Saturday.

Parents must attend a preparation session prior to baptism.

Preparation session on the 1st Tuesday of each month**If you want your child baptized, please call Marthese in the****Parish Office marthese.sultana@maryimmac.org.au****First Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation:**

Please contact sacramental coordinator for details.

Weddings: By Appointment.**THE YOUTH GROUPS**

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