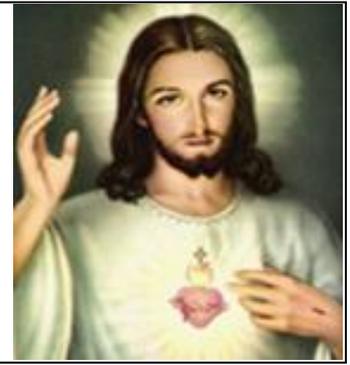




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Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),

10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9.10am

Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of the

month at 1.30pm

Next Healing Mass:

3 February 2022

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday after 9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (English)

Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

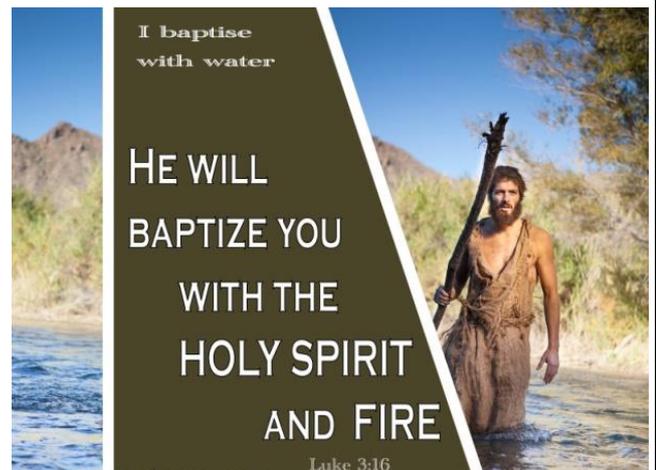
The Baptism of the Lord Sunday 9 January 2022 (Year C)

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. In the Eastern Churches the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the feast of Epiphany for it is the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons in the Holy Trinity, and the official revelation of Jesus as the Son of God to the world by God the Father. The Baptism of the Lord, which is recorded in the four Gospels, marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Jesus' baptism by John was a very important event in the Messianic mission. Why did Jesus receive a baptism? Firstly, it was a moment of identification with us sinners. Although Jesus is sinless, He received the baptism of repentance to identify Himself with His people who realized for the first time that they were sinners. Secondly, it was a moment of conviction about Jesus' identity and mission: that He is the Son of God and His mission was to preach the Good News of God's love and salvation and to atone for our sins by becoming the "suffering servant." God the Father's words, "This is My beloved Son," (Psalm 2:17), confirmed Jesus' identity as Incarnate Son of God, and the words "with Whom I am well pleased," (Isaiah 42:1), referring to the "suffering servant", pointed to Jesus' mission of atoning for the sins of the world by suffering and dying on the cross. Thirdly, it was a moment of being equipped by The Holy Spirit, descending and resting upon Jesus in the form of a dove, bestowing on Jesus the power to preach and heal. Fourthly, receiving the approval of God, His Heavenly Father, as His Beloved Son presented Jesus with a moment of decision to begin public ministry at the most opportune time.

What is the significance of Jesus' baptism for us? Firstly, it reminds us of our identity. It reminds us of who we are and whose we are. By Baptism we become sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of His Church, heirs of Heaven, and temples of the Holy Spirit.

Secondly, it reminds us of our mission: a) to experience the presence of God within us, to acknowledge our own dignity as God's children, and to appreciate the Divine Presence in others by honouring them, loving them and serving them in all humility; b) to live as the children of God in thought, word and action. c) to lead holy and transparent Christian lives and not to desecrate our bodies (the temples of the Holy Spirit and members of Jesus' Body), by impurity, injustice, intolerance, jealousy, or hatred; d) to accept both the good and the bad experiences of life as the gifts of a loving Heavenly Father for our growth in holiness; e) to grow daily in intimacy with God by personal and family prayers, by meditative reading of the Word of God, by participating in the Holy Mass, and by frequenting the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Last but not least, it is a day to thank God for the graces we have received in Baptism, to renew our Baptismal promises and to preach Christ's "Good News" by our transparent Christian lives of love, mercy, service and forgiveness.



Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



#55 UPDATE: GENERAL LITURGICAL GUIDELINES COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

Information Updated: 23 December 2021, 5:00pm

As of 11.59pm Wednesday 23 December 2021, the following measures will be applied to Masses at Sacred Heart Parish::

From 11:59pm Thursday 23 December 2021, **face coverings will be required for gatherings indoors** (except in the home) for people aged eight and over, or for those with medical exemptions.

All Catholics in Melbourne **continue to be dispensed** from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further directed by the Archbishop. We continue to carry the happy obligation to keep Sunday holy, whether we can attend Mass or not, and can do so by any kind of prayer with members of our household and parish, reading Holy Scripture, and encouraging one another in our faith. Prayerfully participating in online Mass continues to be a great source of comfort on Sundays.

Please do not attend Mass if you are feeling unwell, have tested positive or are waiting for a Covid test result.

Check in is still required. Thank you.



Feast Days of the week:

Wednesday 12 January

St Aelred

Thursday 13 January

St Hilary, Bishop, Doctor



Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next batch of thanksgiving envelopes are in the foyer ready for collection. **Please collect yours.**

Thank you for your continued support to our Parish.

Last Week's Collection: 2/1/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$788

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$350

Thank you for your kind generosity!



	Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Ministers of Communion
01-Jan-22	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
08-Jan-22	Rohan Lemos Renato Tonini	Charlotte Bairy
15-Jan-22	Marlene Vergou Teresa Dang	Peter Bourke
	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Ministers of Communion
02-Jan-22	Catherine Zanatta Ivana Lo Bello	Eileen Stevens
09-Jan-22	Jessica Suppiah Judeline Wadhvani	Ivana Lo Bello
16-Jan-22	Jessy Thambiraj Eileen Stevens	Tony Eley
	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Ministers of Communion
02-Jan-22	Margaret Bannan Tim Rankin	Margaret Rankin
09-Jan-22	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Damian Casamento
16-Jan-22	Damian Casamento Marijana Jurjevic	Robert Dullard



Cleaning Roster: Saturday 1 January 2022

Volunteers

Thank you for your hard work



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Anthony, Peter Bourke, Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph
Paige Lapenta, Bronislawa Slobodzian

That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect

Those who have died recently

Nancy Couch

We Commemorate



O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.



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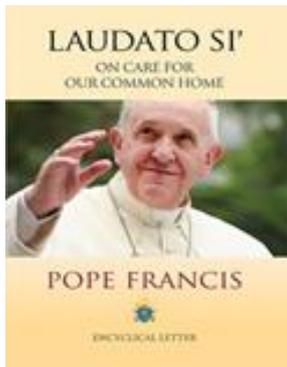
THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



By giving us His Son, God offers us a fraternity based on true love, making it possible for me to encounter others who are different, feeling com-passion for their sufferings, drawing near and caring for them even though they do not belong to my family, ethnic group or religion.



**LAUDATO SI':
ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME**



“Christians need an **‘ecological conversion’** where the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in our lives and in our relationship with the world around us. Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; **it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.**” LS: 217 **“Let us sing as we go. May our struggles & our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope.”** LS: 244 **“Everyone’s talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God’s Creation.”** LS: 14 **“Truly, much can be done!”** LS: 180.

To undergo an ‘ecological conversion’ means that whatever we do, we do with the health of our home planet, its ecosystems and precious biodiversity in mind.

As we begin the new year let us pray the Hail Mary, Mother of Mercy to ask our heavenly mother for her help and guidance for our Laudato Si’ Parish.

Hail Mary, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To you, we cry, as children of God, joined as one with our wounded world, with hearts full of hope for a home transformed. Mother of Creation, look upon us we pray, so we may come to see God’s earthly garden through the radiant light of wisdom. Holy Mary, Mother of all, make us worthy we pray, to treasure the earth our common home, and show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. Amen.

(This prayer is inspired by the Salve Regina.)

Piety Stall

With the help of generous volunteers the Piety Stall will again be open after each of the weekend Masses.

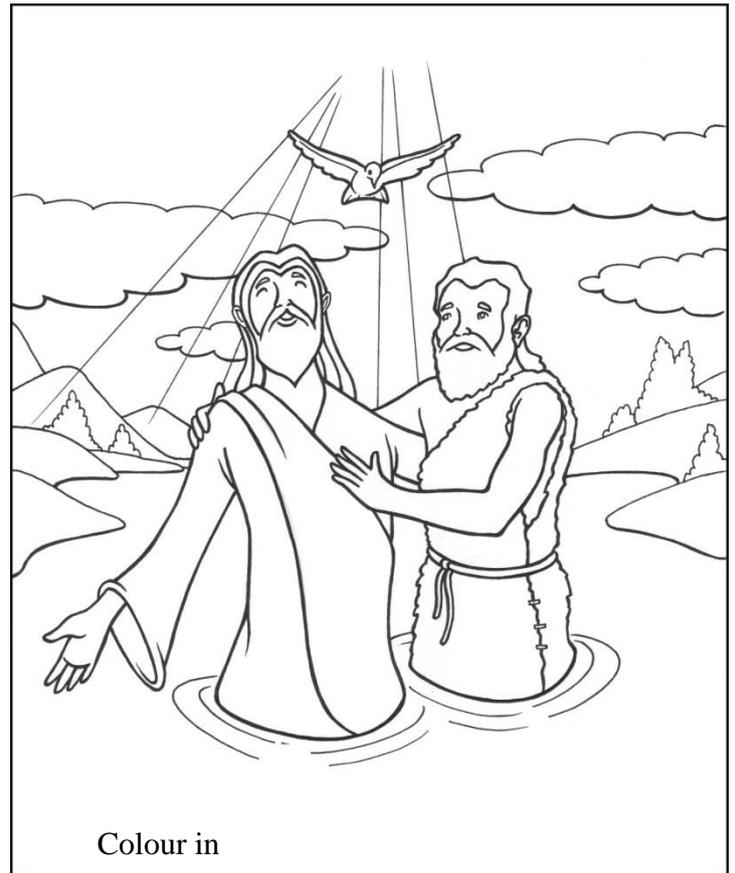
Religious items including Columban calendars are available at very reasonable prices.

Volunteers are sought for the Saturday evening and Sunday 10.30 and 6pm Masses. Please contact Rachel on 9480 3398 for more details.

You are required to have a current WWCC and be fully vaccinated Thank you

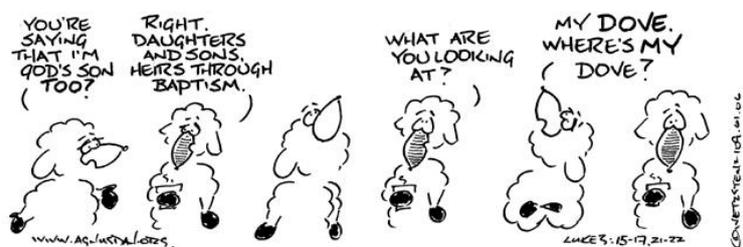


☺☺ Kids' Zone ☺☺



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Joke Corner



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptized, 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.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
And, striking their breast, they say:
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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 the Most High, / Jesus Christ, /
with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God
the Father. / Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

‘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.
The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Response Is:

O, bless the Lord, my soul.

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.

O, bless the Lord, my soul.

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 servant.

O, bless the Lord, my soul.

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.

O, bless the Lord, my soul.

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.

O, bless the Lord, my soul.

You hide your face, they are dismayed;

you take back your spirit, they die.

You send forth your spirit, they are
created;

and you renew the face of the earth.

O, bless the Lord, my soul.

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7

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.

But 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

All: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Gospel
Acclamation.*

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

Luke 3:15-16,21-22

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.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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, / 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.

response to prayers of the faithful:
Lord, hear our prayer.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, saviour of the world,
for by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold the One of whom John said:

I have seen and testified that this is the
Son of God.

