



Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Year A -

12th January 2020

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: Is 42:1-4. 6-7

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)

Responsorial Psalm: (contd)

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R.)

3. The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!' The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Mk 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!



GOSPEL: Mt 3:13-17

When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him. Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

The Gospel of the Lord



Communion Antiphon:

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

IN OUR PARISH

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr. Brendan Murphy SDB
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**For Enquiries Please Phone The Parish Office
between 9:30am - 12:30pm & 1:30pm - 3:30pm, Mon-Fri**

Salesian Community: Phone: 9623 1220
Rector: Fr John Walenciej SDB

Don Bosco Youth Centre: Phone: 9623 0450
Director: Fr John Walenciej SDB

Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - RCIA

Do you know anyone interested in becoming a Catholic?
Please invite them to contact:
Parish Office on 9623 1962

PARISH MINISTRIES

St Vincent de Paul Society: meets every Tuesday at 7:00pm in the St Vincent de Paul Office beside the Parish Hall.

Junior Legion of Mary: meets on Fridays, 5:00pm to 5:45pm in the Parish Hall and Parish Meeting Rooms. *Young people welcome*

Senior Legion of Mary: Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. *All Welcome to join.*

The Cenacle: Every Thursday after 9am Mass, you are invited to join us to pray the Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests.

Cuppa and Craft Club: Thursdays at 9:30am, Parish Hall. Contact Parish Office 9623 1962.

Computer Class (50 years & over): 9.30am-11:30am Parish Hall Meeting Room. Please contact Parish Office.

Rosary Statue: Noemi Santiago, 144 Carpenter St, St Marys

RCIA: meets Thursdays, 7:30pm, Parish Meeting Room. *Know someone who would like to be a Catholic? New enquirers welcome.*

Catechists: Teaching God's Word in our State schools. Volunteers needed. Contact Maureen Watts 9623 9272.

Mother's Prayers: On Mondays, 10am at the MacKillop Centre.

Ladies Auxiliary: Interested in joining? Contact Parish Off.

Youth Choir: Choir Practices on the 2nd Sunday of the month, 2.30pm - 4pm. Choir sings at the 9am Mass on the 4th Sunday of the month. All young people welcome.

OLR-Schoenstatt Pilgrim Mother Apostolate (PMA) Rosary Prayer: every 4th Sunday of the month after the 10.30am Mass (11.45am) in the Church. All Welcome!

MASSES THIS WEEK

Purposely hidden.

For more information, please contact Parish Office
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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Jesus the Healer, we commend to your gentle hands
those who are sick

Purposely hidden.

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers our deceased
parishioners, family and friends especially

Purposely hidden.

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1st and 2nd Collections:

1st Collection: for the support of the Parish Priests.
2nd Collection: goes towards the weekly operating budget for the Parish. Parish weekly running costs approximately \$4000. Last weekend's 2nd Collection \$2776.50
We Thankyou for your ongoing support.

RECONCILIATION

Every Wednesday: 11:15am - 11:45am.
Every Saturday: 9:00am - 10:00am, 5:00pm - 5:30pm

ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday & Tuesday : In the Adoration Chapel, 8am-9pm
Wednesday: 11:15am - 11:45am, Mass at 12 noon
Thursday: 9:30am - 6:00pm (after 9:00am Mass)
Friday: 8:30am - 9:00am, followed by Mass at 9:15am

Next Sunday's Readings:

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 39:2, 4, 7-10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34



COMING EVENTS FOR THE DIARY

- 14 Jan: Legion of Mary, Parish Hall, 6.30pm
 St Vincent De Paul, Parish Hall Mtg Room, 7pm
 16 Jan: Parish Hall Management Mtg, Parish Hall, 7:30pm
 17 Jan: Junior Legion of Mary, Parish Hall Mtg Rm, 5pm
 18 Jan: Working Bee
 22 Jan: Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Off. Mtg Rm, 7:30pm
 26 Jan: Pilgrim Mother Apostolate Rosary, 11:45am
Australia Day
 30 Jan: Pre-Baptism Programme, Church, 7:30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **ADORATION CHAPEL**



Weekly Adoration Times:

Monday	8am - 9pm
Tuesday	8am - 9pm
Thursday	8am - 9pm
Friday	8am - 9pm

ALL WELCOME

PARISH MONTHLY ROSARY

This year, Our preparatory Marian Year, for the 75th Anniversary of OLR Church. The Monthly Rosary for the welfare of the parish will be held on the 7th of each month in the Marian Chapel at the front of the Church.

Please come and fill the chapel.

If you require transport, please contact the Parish office.

If any parishioner would like to help out with transport, kindly inform Parish office.

The Marian Chapel was half full, let us fill the chapel next month.

Artistic Gymnastics Recreational Classes

Don Bosco Centre (Upstairs)

Ages: 6 years and up Registration is essential.

Enquiries/Registration day:

Date: Monday 13 January 2020

9:00am-1:00pm-2:00pm & 5:00pm

Venue: Don Bosco Youth Centre (upstairs)

*Limited Spots Available – Classes given by
 Gymnastics NSW Accredited Coach.*

Please contact: Maximo on 0414 278 090



ORPHANAGE BINGO NIGHTS

Thank you to all who have offered to help to run our Bingo Nights. We need 2 more helpers. Kindly ring the Parish office 9623 1962 or Denis on 9670 1987 if you are able to assist.

First Bingo Night - Saturday 15th February 2020

NEPEAN HOSPITAL - CHAPLAIN

If you know anyone who is admitted to Nepean Hospital, Public or Private and would like to receive Communion, please contact the hospital Chaplain on 4734 3150.



WE WELCOME

Brandon Villaroman Cruz

Into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism

ALPHA TEAM TRAINING WORKSHOP

9 FEBRUARY 2020



Time: 9:30am - 4:30pm

Place: Institute of Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown
 Lunch & Refreshments provided.

Registrations and Further Information:

Pastoral Planning office:

lisa.bright@parracatholic.org. Phone: 8838 3497

Alpha in a Catholic context:

Lorraine.mccarthy@alpha.org.au

BUSHFIRE RESPONSE

Australia is currently facing an unprecedented bushfire crisis in many parts of the country. The Australian Bishops have announced that special collections will be taken at Masses on Australia Day weekend to support affected communities. They have also urged Catholics to pray constantly for those affected, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the bushfires.

To access prayer resources or for more information, visit www.catholic.org.au/bushfires Bush fire appeal.

CHOIR CO-ORDINATORS

For Copyright purposes, all Parish Choirs must complete a copyright sheet before Mass. Please leave it in the blue folder next to the Church Organ. Thank you.



OUR LADY OF MERCY - PENROSE PARK

The Pauline Monks at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy would like to inform parishioners that this coming weekend 11/12 January the monthly celebration dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima on the 13th January will be cancelled due to the Bush Fires.

OUR 21stYES, 21st!! TRIVIA NIGHT **29th FEBRUARY 2020!**



Kindly put this date in your diary. If you have any unwanted new gifts or anything else you think we could use, please put them aside for us to collect or drop them off at the Parish Office.

Thank you.

Trivia Team



St Marys Gardens Nursing Home

Sun 12 Jan: Philip S, Gliceria F, Joseph Buhagiar

Sun 19 Jan: Steve Buhagiar

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 11-12 2020
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Parish Marian Year

Dear Parishioners,

Condolences: We offer our sympathy to the members of the Bonser family on their loss last Monday of their father Joe. May he rest in peace.

Congratulations to Gerald and Norma O' Sullivan on their 65th wedding anniversary last Wednesday.

Welcome, Father Chadi, to St Marys. It is great to have you with us.

We welcome this week Deacon Dominic, who will be with us till late February.

Happy feast day to our Sri Lankan parishioners this week celebrating the feast of the Apostle of Sri Lanka, Saint Joseph Vas.

Bushfire Appeal: The Australian Catholic Bishops have asked that there be a special collection at all weekend Masses on January 25-26 for victims of the bushfires.

Ordinary Time resumes this week on the liturgical calendar, until Ash Wednesday, February 26.

Some 2020 anniversaries:

140th anniversary of OLR Primary School (Jan 5 1880)

200th anniversary of arrival of Fr John Therry. (May 3)

200th anniversary of Catholic education in Australia.

75th anniversary of end of World War II.

Coming up:

Jan 25-26: Bushfire collections. Australia Day. Word of God Sunday.

Sun Feb 9: Alpha seminar, Blacktown.

Tues Feb 11: 1st Communion Parent Night 7:30pm

Thurs Feb 13: 1st Communion Parent Night 7:30pm.

February: Visit of relics of Saints Louis & Zelie Martin and of St Therese of Lisieux, their daughter.

Wed Feb 26: Ash Wednesday.

Sat Feb 29: Trivia Night

I shall be away this week with family.

God bless.

Fr Brendan

Saint Joseph Vaz



This Thursday we celebrate the feast day of recently canonised 'Apostle of Sri Lanka',

Saint Joseph Vaz

Joseph Vaz was born on 21st April 1651 in Goa, which at that time was the capital of the Portuguese colonies in the Far East.

His devout parents brought him up in the faith and he studied humanities with the Jesuits and theology with the Dominicans. Ordained priest in 1676, he worked for several years in the Kanara region of Southern India.

After nearly ten years in Kanara he returned to Goa, and in 1686 he founded an Oratory of Saint Philip Neri there with a group of other priests, receiving advice and help from the Oratorian houses then in Portugal. Only one year later, in 1687, he felt called to leave Goa and go as a missionary to the island of Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), where he knew that Catholics were being persecuted and where there had been no priests for several decades.

He remained on that island for twenty four years, exercising his heroic priestly ministry in very restrictive circumstances. He was rigorously pursued and persecuted by the oppressive Dutch Calvinist authorities who wanted to put an end to his single-handed yet successful efforts at rebuilding the Church and keeping Catholicism alive in Ceylon. He had to travel everywhere in disguise and was obliged to celebrate the sacraments secretly at night.

Fr. Vaz decided to make his base in the kingdom of Kandy in the island's interior. On his arrival there he was arrested as a spy and put in prison. He was released after he had prayed for and obtained what was regarded by all as a miraculous fall of rain, ending a prolonged drought. After that the Buddhist king of Kandy gave him his personal protection.

In 1696 several Fathers of the Oratory in Goa joined him in Ceylon and a properly constituted Catholic mission was established there. Fr. Vaz refused the position of Vicar Apostolic, preferring to remain a simple missionary priest. Among his other pastoral work he translated a catechism and prayers into the local languages, Singalese and Tamil. The people called him 'Sammanasu Swam' – the angelic priest.

By the start of 1711 he knew he was dying. On 16th January he received the Last Rites with members of his flock gathered around his bed. He told them, "Always live according to God's inspiration." At midnight, with a candle in his hand, he died pronouncing the holy Name of Jesus with great clarity and fervour. He was sixty years old.

Fr. Joseph's devotion to the pastoral apostolate made him a timely and efficacious instrument of divine Providence at a critical moment in the Catholic missionary history of South East Asia. During his lifetime his pastoral successes brought him to the attention of the Church authorities in Portugal and Rome. After his death the exemplary zeal he had shown as a missionary made him a continuing inspiration for the missionary priests of his adopted island and beyond. His apostolate there left a tremendous legacy: 70,000 Catholics, 15 churches and 400 chapels. He became known as the Apostle of Ceylon.

Unfortunately the exact whereabouts of his remains is uncertain.

He was beatified in Sri Lanka by Pope John Paul II on 21st June 1995, and was canonized there by Pope Francis on Wednesday 14th January 2015.

His liturgical feast day is 16th January.
