



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9 & 10 JANUARY 2021

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

Mission Leader

Fr Peter Danh CSsR

Parish Priest

Fr Vincent Long Pham CSsR

Assistant Parish Priest

Fr Vinsensius (Lovin) Lolo CSsR

Fr Oche Matutina CSsR

Fr Patrick Corbett CSsR

Parish Secretary

Mary-Lucy Atonio PH: 9366 1310

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Michael Bonnici PH: 8312 0900

Filipino Chaplain

Fr Joselito Asis

South Sudanese Chaplain

Deacon George B.P. Meat

Novena

5pm on 2nd & 4th Saturday of every month

Mass Times

- ◆ **Tues-Fri:** 9:00am
- ◆ **Saturday:** 6:00pm
- ◆ **Sunday:** 9:00am, 10:30am, 6:00pm
12:00pm Vietnamese

Other Masses

- 1st & 2nd Sun Sudanese Mass - 3.00pm
- 3rd Sun Samoan Mass - 2.00pm
- 4th Sun Filipino Mass - 3.00pm

SOCIAL OFFICE

Contact: Son Nguyen & Tammy Le

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Tuesday & Friday 10:00am-3:00pm.

Currently closed & reopened 19th January 2021

FOODBANK open Fridays
10.30am until 2.00pm. More details
call Charlie 03 9366 1310.

Closed 18/12/2020 Reopened 5/2/2021

St Vincent de Paul: Call Centre is now open. Please contact 1800 305 330. Thank you.

BAPTISM- JANUARY

Congratulations to: **Xavier Jeremiah Barbara, Anton-Maria Quy Ngoc Tran, Amelia Dong Phuong Duong, Catherine Nhat Phuong Duong, Catherine Selena Nguyen, Elsa Nguyen, Lena Nguyen, Jessica Nguyen, Levi Pham, Maria Daisy Tran, Maria My Bao Phan Nguyen, Peter Hark Roe, Stephen Viet Nguyen, Tesni Dang, Teresa Emily Tran, Yang Xin Ye & Yang Ying Ye** who were baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You are welcome to be a part of our community faith.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms take place on the 1st Saturday morning at 11am of each month. Preparation takes place on the Wednesday evening before the 1st Saturday of the month at 7pm in the Church. Baptism forms can be collected from the Presbytery or go online at www.holyeuchariststalban.org

WORDS OF THE HOLY FATHER

This Feast of the Baptism of Jesus reminds us of our own Baptism. We too were reborn in Baptism. In Baptism the Holy Spirit came down to remain within us. This is why it is important to know the date of our Baptism. We know our date of birth, but we do not always know the date of our Baptism. And celebrate the date of your Baptism in your heart, every year.

OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES

For the safety of everyone Please use the hand sanitizer provided and keep social distancing at all time.

- ◆ Everyone over 12 years of age, please wear face coverings/ masks at all times.
- ◆ When a cantor is singing or a reader/commentator is reading, the face covering/masks may be lowered, but must be worn at all other times.
- ◆ Please find a mark on the pew to sit when you enter inside the church.
- ◆ Rite of Peace, please avoid shaking hands but instead say "Peace be with you" and offer a smile, wave, nod or bow.
- ◆ Please observe social distancing at Holy Communion, which will only be given in the hand.
- ◆ If you feel unwell, please stay home.

Thanks for your collaboration.
God bless and protect us always.

HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL

School will resume for **Term 1 in 2021, on Thursday 28th January 2021**. This next year, our starting times and finishing times will return to normal, however, students will still be required to enter via the designated gates. Please see below:

- ◆ 8:30am Gates open
- ◆ 8:45am Students enter the classroom
- ◆ **8:55am Classes begin**
- ◆ **3:15pm School finishes**

Students from each grade level will still need to enter via the designated gates around the school when entering/leaving the premises.

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading Is 42:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

(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.)
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

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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 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.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:7-11

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

WE COME TODAY to the end of the Christmas season. And we have the third great 'epiphany' or showing of God in the human person of Jesus. The first 'epiphany' was at the birth of the child Jesus in the stable at Bethlehem when he was visited by the shepherds representing the poor, the marginalised and the sinful for whom Jesus had specially come. The second 'epiphany' was when the 'wise men' came from 'the East' to worship the newly born Jesus. They represented all those peoples and nations who were being invited to be numbered among God's own people through the mediation of Jesus as Lord.

Today we celebrate the third great 'epiphany' of the Lord in Jesus Christ. The time is much later. Jesus is now an adult, probably about 30 years of age. We are brought to the banks of the River Jordan somewhere north of Jerusalem where John the Baptist, a cousin of Jesus, is living out in the desert. The desert in some ways is a place where God can be found, although for Jesus it was also a place of trial and temptation. For the early Fathers in the desert it provided both experiences.

JOHN THE BAPTIST

John leads a very austere life, dressed in the simplest of clothes and sustaining himself on whatever nourishment he can find in the vicinity. He has made a name for himself as a man of God and large numbers come out to hear and be influenced by him.

The opening words of today's Gospel tell us that he was proclaiming "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins". It is important not to misunderstand the meaning of these words. It would be quite wrong to think that people simply had to come for baptism in the river for all their sins to be wiped out. That would be little more than superstition. The baptism itself was a symbolic act which had to be accompanied by an inner change. The word for 'repentance' here is *metanoia* (metanoia) in Greek. It implies a radical change in the way we look at the meaning and purpose of life and how we live that life ourselves. It calls for much more than is normally connoted by 'repentance' which we normally understand as 'being sorry' for something we have done. *Metanoia* is much more than just feeling sorry. It calls for a total reorganisation of one's attitudes so that such errant or hurting behaviour would simply disappear from one's life.

And the 'forgiveness of sins' is more than just God just wiping out the guilt and the threat of punishment that our sins might involve. In a sense, our sins can never be wiped out. The damage they do often lasts for a very long time and cannot be undone. If I have murdered someone, they stay dead no matter how sorry I feel. If I have destroyed a person's reputation, it may remain destroyed for ever. Hurtful words spoken cannot be called back.

POPE AT ANGELUS: GOD LOVES US IN ALL OUR FRAILTY

Pope Francis reflects on how by making himself flesh, God united himself to humanity, loving us in all our frailty and inviting us to share everything with Him.

By Vatican News staff writer

Pope Francis on Sunday invited the faithful to invite God into their homes, their families, to share with Him their frailties and fears in order to allow Him to change their lives.

Speaking during the Angelus on the second Sunday after Christmas, the Pope contemplated the tenderness of the Child Jesus in the crib, and reflected on the Gospel of John (*Jn* 1:1) explaining that, especially in the prologue, "it tells us about Him before He was born."

He said that the apostle uses similar words to those used in the Bible with the account of Creation, but says that today "the One we contemplated at His Birth, existed before: before things began, before the universe. He existed before space and time. "In Him was life" (*Jn* 1:4), before life appeared."

God communicates with us

The Pope noted that "Saint John calls Him the *Logos*, that is, the *Word*." And the word, he added, serves to communicate: "one does not speak alone, one speaks with someone."

The fact that Jesus was, from the very beginning, the Word, Pope Francis continued, "means that from the beginning God wants to communicate with us, He wants to talk to us."

The Son of the Father, Pope Francis explained, "wants to tell us about the beauty of being children of God," he wants to remove the darkness of evil from us: "He is 'the life' who knows our lives and wants to tell us that He has always loved them."

"Jesus is the eternal Word of God, who has always thought of us and wanted to communicate with us," he said.

He became flesh to dwell for ever amongst us

The Pope explained that thus, as today's Gospel tells us, Jesus went beyond words, and indeed, "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

He reflected on Saint John's choice of the word *flesh*, that indicates our human condition in all its weakness, in all its frailty.

"He tells us that God became fragile so He could touch our fragility up close," he said.

"Revealing the wounds of His flesh to the Father," the Pope said, "Jesus intercedes for us."

From the moment the Lord took on flesh, Pope Francis explained, nothing of our life is extraneous to Him: "There is nothing that He scorns, we can share everything with Him."

"Dear brother, dear sister, God became flesh to tell you that He loves you like that, in your frailty; right there, where you are most ashamed," he said.

The Pope went on to detail how God did not turn back, "He did not put our humanity on like a garment that can be put on and taken off," He never again detached Himself from our flesh. And He will never be separated from it.

He explained that, as the Gospel says, "He came to dwell among us. He did not come to visit us."

Open your hearts to the Lord

"What, then, does He desire from us?" the Pope asked: "A great intimacy!"

He wants us to share with Him our joys and sufferings, he said, our desires and fears, hopes and sorrows, people and situations.

The Pope concluded exhorting the faithful to do just this, to open their hearts to Him and to tell Him everything.

“Let us pause in silence before the crib to savour the tenderness of God who became near, who became flesh. And without fear, let us invite Him among us, into our homes, into our families, into our frailties. He will come and life will change.”

Pope Francis' special greetings for the New Year

Following the Angelus prayer Pope Francis renewed his good wishes for the year that has just begun to all. He said that as Christians, we know that things will only improve, with God's help, if we work together for the common good, “putting the weakest and most disadvantaged at the center.”

“We do not know what 2021 will bring, but what each of us and all of us together can do, is to commit to taking care of each other and of creation, our common home,” he said.

He revealed that he was saddened to read in the newspapers there have been instances in the past days in which some people chose to ignore lockdown rules in order to “have a good vacation,” without a thought for others who are suffering the consequences of the pandemic.

The Pope expressed his special greetings in particular to those “who begin the New Year with greater difficulties: the sick, the unemployed, those who live in situations of oppression or exploitation.”

He also said he is close to those families who are expecting the arrival of a new baby, saying: “A birth is always a promise of hope!”

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARIST

Tues 9:00 AM, 12-01-21

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharist: Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 13-01-21

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharist: Elizabeth Delacruz

Thur 9:00 AM, 14-01-21

Reader Shirley Krizmanic
Eucharist: Volunteer

Fri 9:00AM, 15-01-21

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharist: Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 16-01-21

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Charlie Pace
Commentator Violeta Montoro
Reader: Anthony Naidu
Miriam Vella
Eucharist: Carmen Camilleri
Alaistair Surrao

Sun 9.00 AM, 17-01-21

Lit. Coordinator: Monica Lomen
Commentator Shirley Krizmanic
Reader: Helen Maddela
Wilma Marmur
Eucharist: Fred Storace
Monica Lomen

Sun 10:30AM, 17-01-21

Lit. Coordinator: Ed Cablao
Commentator Susan Hallorina
Reader Rita Martin
Cristina Pedroso
Eucharist: Ed Cablao
Joh Cablao

Sun 6.00PM, 17-01-21

Lit. Coordinator Lani Laririt
Commentator Xuan Duong
Reader Matthew Laureano
Lani Laririt
Eucharist: Lani Laririt
Xuan Duong

CHURCH CLEANING

Week beginning: 30th Dec. 2020
Volunteers needed

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 16th January 2021

6pm – Samoan Choir

Sunday, 17th January 2021:

9am - Charlie Schembri

10.30am – Carreon Family

6.00pm – Laririt Family

LET US PRAY FOR

Prayers For The Sick

Toni Antonowicz, Linda Ratbone, Anna, Maria Kim, Yulette Tanner, Jessie Spiteri, Stella Sandle, Frank, Doris Carabott.

Recently Deceased

Peter Disco

Anniversaries

Ivica Krizmanic, John Juhas, Joseph & Connie Agius, France, Charlie & Maria Grima, Angel Dacaya, Nazareni Spiteri, Antonio Mifsud, Philip Gauci, George & Angela Bugeja, Wayne Camilleri, Bartolo family, Brincat & Galea family, Vincent Duong Kham Su, Mary Camilleri & Family, Joseph, Frank & John Xerri, Charlie Xerri, Lewis Spiteri, Raymond Abela and All Souls.

SAFETY FOR ALL

Holy Eucharist Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Holy Eucharist parish respectfully acknowledges the Wurundjer people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we reside and worship.

VOCATION VIEW: “No one is humanly worthy to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother. No one is worthy to stoop and untie the sandal straps of Jesus. But He still calls us and favours us to do His work. Will you serve?”

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