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SUNDAY 11 JANUARY 2026

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR A

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm
Closed 12:00pm – 12:30pm

SUNDAY

8:00am & 10:00am Mass

MONDAY

7:00pm Mass

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY

9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm Mass (includes Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

SATURDAY

9:00am Mass

Novena to St. Padre Pio & Blessing with his Relic

9:30am Sacrament of Penance

5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Tuesday – Friday

Before & after Mass (depending on priests' availability).

BAPTISMS

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays.

Minimum booking time: two months in advance.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

7:00pm Mass, Adoration begins.

3:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00am Saturday Mass

SOM YOUTH GROUP

Every Saturday 4:00pm

Ages 5-17 (during school terms)

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Every Wednesday, 7pm Mass, then YA meeting for 18-35yrs.

FRIDAY PLAYGROUP

Contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Please contact the Parish Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

What is Baptism?

Baptism is the foundational sacrament by which a believer in Christ enters the community of the Church, as by various rites the Jewish child took their place in the community of Israel.

Baptism has two elements identified by Christ in John 3:1-6: water and the Holy Spirit. To the visible action of baptizing with water, already a purification ritual in Judaism, is added an invisible element that only Christ through His merits can give: the spiritual renewal of the individual through the Holy Spirit.

To be baptized, the Church teaches that water must flow on the body of the person (whether by immersion in water or by pouring water across the forehead), while the one baptizing, usually a priest or deacon, says, "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19).

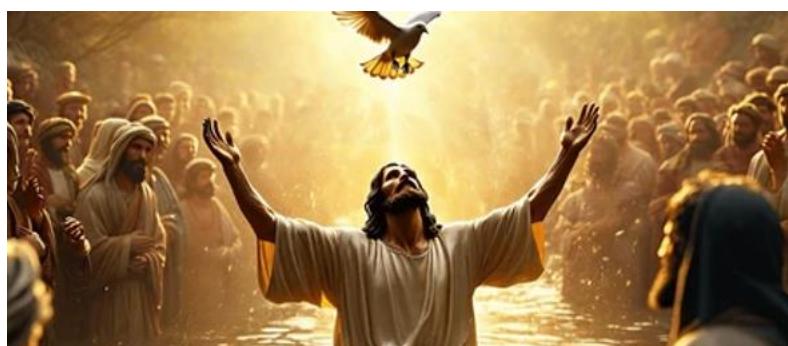
What is the purpose of infant Baptism?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (paragraphs 1250-1252) states, *Born with a fallen human nature and tainted by original sin, children also have need of the new birth in Baptism to be freed from the power of darkness and brought into the realm of the freedom of the children of God, to which all men are called. The sheer gratuitousness of the grace of salvation is particularly manifest in infant Baptism. The Church and the parents would deny a child the priceless grace of becoming a child of God were they not to confer Baptism shortly after birth.*

Christian parents will recognize that this practice also accords with their role as nurturers of the life that God has entrusted to them.

The practice of infant Baptism is an immemorial tradition of the Church. There is explicit testimony to this practice from the second century on, and it is quite possible that, from the beginning of the apostolic preaching, when whole "households" received baptism, infants may also have been baptized.

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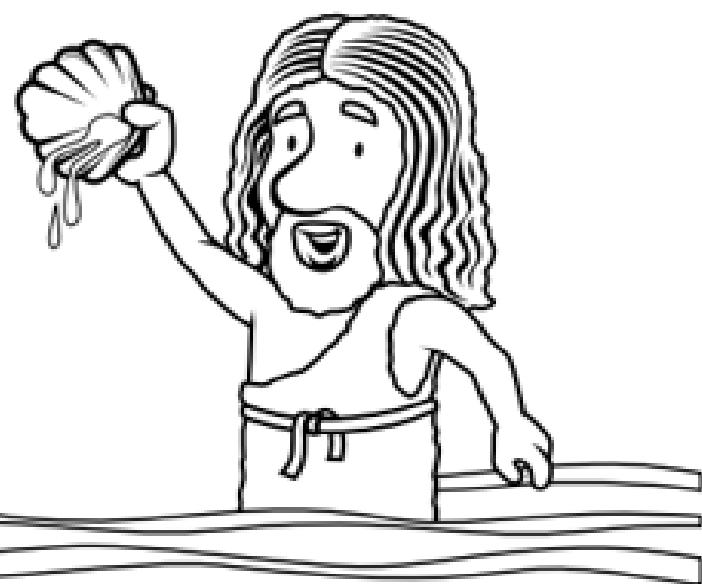
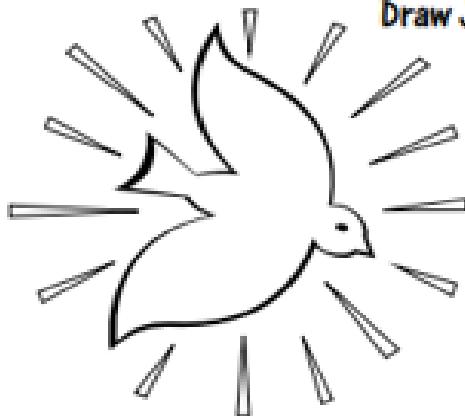
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| <p>SUNDAY 11 JANUARY The Baptism of the Lord Year A First Sunday in Ordinary Time Tuesday 13: St Hilary Saturday 17: St Anthony</p> | <p>SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & RECONCILIATION 2026 The Parent Information Letter & Enrolment Form are on the Parish Website & Welcome Table. Children in Yr 3 (in 2026) and above who have received the Sacrament of Baptism are able to participate in this program. Enrolment forms need to be in to the parish office by 18 February 2026.</p> |
| <p>NEXT SUNDAY Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Isaiah 49:3. 5-6, Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9, 1 Corinthians 1:1-3, John 1:29-34</p> | <p>CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS – HELP NEEDED The decorations will be packed away from 10:00am on Monday 12 January. We would really appreciate your help. <i>'Many hands make light work'</i> Thank You!</p> |
| <p>ROSARY PRAYER GROUP Date: Tuesday 13 January: Cijo Mathew & Deepa Cijo Date: Tuesday 20 January: Froid & Sunila Xavier</p> | |
| <p>CHURCH CLEANING A small group of dedicated volunteers clean our church every Saturday morning after 9:00am Mass and have been doing so for many years. <i>We are in desperate need of many more volunteers.</i> If you are able to help for an hour or two on one Saturday each month please leave your details at the Welcome Table.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY 27 JANUARY In case of emergency please contact Fr Johnson. Volunteers will be in the office at times.</p> | |
| <p>CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</p> | |
|  <p>The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), Diocese of Parramatta consists of catechists who are committed to teaching Special Religious Education (SRE) in public schools.</p> <p><i>SRE Catechist, have the privilege of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Sharing the richness of the Catholic faith: Guide children and young people in their understanding of Catholic beliefs, practices, and values. *Nurturing spiritual growth: Foster a deeper connection between students and their faith, encouraging personal reflection and spiritual development. *Making a lasting impact: Shape the lives of young Catholics, instilling in them a strong moral compass and a lifelong appreciation for their faith. <p>Whether you possess extensive knowledge of Catholic teachings or are eager to learn, the CCD provides comprehensive training and ongoing support to ensure you are well-equipped for this fulfilling role.</p> | <p>Our parish has a dedicated group of volunteers who teach scripture in our local government schools. New teachers or helpers are always welcome to join the team.</p> <p>Scripture is taught on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday at Regentville PS from 12:15 Thursday at Glenmore Park PS from 11:30 Thursday at Surveyors Creek PS from 12:20 Thursday at Nangamay PS from 1:45 <p>If you have the time and would like to join the team as a teacher or helper please contact Lynn Young liturgy@padrepi.org.au</p> <p>The following link is for a video that will give you more information about becoming a SRE. https://youtu.be/7OHeP_6i5EA</p> |

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTER THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 17/18 JANUARY

| MASS TIME | 5:30PM VIGIL MASS | 8:00AM MASS | 10:00AM MASS |
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| COORDINATOR | Trudi Almeida | Trish Warda | Tracy Amituanai |
| ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER | Billy Layug Dit Almer | Khalid Younan Gilbert Grech | Chris Hersey |
| READER | 1. Rolaine Vibar 2. Trudi Almeida | 1. Sue Guy 2. Ajumol Alexander | 1. Julio Amituanai 2. Noel Xavier |
| MUSIC | Our Daily Bread | | Modern Harmony |
| HOSPITALITY | | | Rosie Bartholomeuz |
| CLEANER | Susan Guy, Anna Roberts, Aiman & Maria Jajo, Johan (more help needed please after 9am Mass on Saturdays) | | |

You are my own dear Son

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



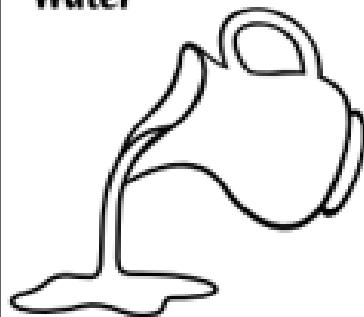
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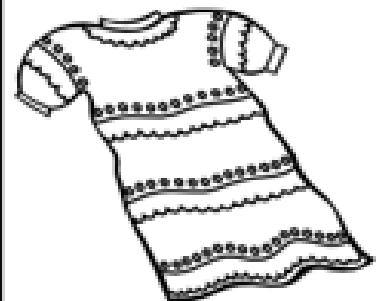
Symbolises the emergence from darkness into the light.

Water



Symbolises life, cleansing and growth.

White Gown



Symbolises purity and freedom from sin.

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FIRST READING Isaiah 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

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

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.)**

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.)**

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 of the Apostles 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 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.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See Mark 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL Matthew 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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