



## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

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The Baptism of the Lord / B

10 January 2021

**PRIMARY SCHOOL**



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**Principal:**

Ms Frances Stewart

**REC:** Ms Jo-Anne Ross

**With St Paul of the Cross we pray ...**

**For the sick**

Natalina Gallace

Ruth Wilson

Raymond Hudson

Lourdes Tee & Albert

Fr Jim Duggan

Paul Weber

Kevin Russell

Pat Allport

Cardo, Zennie, Ian, Pat

Martin Welfare

Francheska Bechara

**Recently Deceased**

Bishop Geoffrey Robinson

Jose Galvez

**Death Anniversary**

**For the Souls**

Colin MacDonald

Vincenzo & Giovanni

Stillittano

Domenica Pugliese

Gaetano Bernardi

Adriano De Almeida

Maria Da Piedade Da Silva

All forgotten Souls and Holy  
Souls in Purgatory

**Special Intentions**

Ian Pinto

Rian Galliot



**“You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you”**

In a sermon quoted in the Spiritual Reading (Office of Readings) for this Sunday’s Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, one of the great early Church Fathers St Gregory Nazianzen (329-390), drew out the significance for us of this momentous event in Jesus’ life:

*Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptized; let us go down with him and rise with him.*

Over the centuries, artists have painted this event using the symbolic imagery present in the Gospels, focusing of course on Jesus himself being baptised by John. However, while all this has produced great works of art, it misses one very important feature of Jesus’ baptism. Jesus would not have been there on his own nor would he most likely have stood out from the many people who came to be baptised by John. We could imagine him there on the banks of the Jordan together with people just like himself, waiting in the hot sun for his turn to be baptised, not pushing himself forward or expecting some kind of special treatment, even though John was his cousin.

This is consistent with Jesus’ way throughout his life, beginning with his humble birth in a stable at Bethlehem. We will see him preaching and healing as we listen to Mark’s Gospel throughout this year but, even though others may be amazed at what they see and hear, he does not draw attention to himself but to God’s work through him. The next time we will hear Jesus called “the Son, the Beloved” will be at the Transfiguration and then later from the Roman centurion as he hung lifeless on the cross, finally revealing his divinity through his humanity.

All of this should impress upon us the significance of our own baptism, as St Gregory reminds us. Through Baptism, we “participate in the grace of Christ....as an ‘adopted son’ we can henceforth call God ‘Father’ in union with the only Son (and) receive the life of the Spirit who breathes charity into us, forming the Church”( Catechism of the Catholic Church #1997). For most of us, this extraordinary gift from God is given to us at a time when we are least able to grasp its importance, when we are babies. Perhaps this is why we take it so much for granted as a ‘given’ in our life, something that is done to us and for us rather than as an invitation to grow into a unique way of life.

Baptism is in the end God’s claim on us, a gift that we have done nothing to deserve, no matter at what stage of life we are baptised. It is a responsibility ‘to grow into’ throughout our lives as we experience new opportunities to live as sons and daughters of God. Many would come to listen to God’s “voice” through Jesus because his life spoke to them with a unique authority. If we who are baptised ‘speak’ like everyone else, should anyone bother to pay attention and listen to us?

Deacon Louis



**A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney**

**Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.**

**PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER  
16 & 17 January 2021**

Readers:	5:30pm	J Sullivan M Dos Santos
	8:00am	J Peters G Turnbull
	10:00am	P Marshall R Sergi

**Thank You**

Our parish celebration of Christmas was quieter this year because of the restrictions imposed by the pandemic. Our efforts to celebrate this great feast appropriately however continued as always because of the work of so many generous people in our parish. These include all who took part in any way in our Christmas and Epiphany Masses, all those who cleaned and decorated the church and provided the flowers, the choir, the members of the da Silva family who put up the crib and, as always, our parish secretaries who do so much behind the scenes. A special mention should also be made of Carina's Florist at Ashbury that provided the flowers at a very good price. To all these and others that I have not mentioned THANK YOU!  
Deacon Louis

**Parish Office**

Maria - Mondays

Cecilia –Wed-Friday

9.30am - 2.30pm

**Parish & Hall enquiries**

9558 3257

**Mass Times**

**Sat:** 5:30pm (Vigil)

**Sun:** 8am & 10am

**Mon to Fri:** 9:00am

**Sat:** 9:30am

**Family Mass with**

**Children’s Liturgy**

3rd Sunday of the

Month 10am Mass

**Family Rosary & Morning**

**Tea** - 2nd Sunday of the

Month after 10am Mass in

the Church Hall

**Filipino Mass**

1st Sun 11:30am

**Il Gruppo di Rosario**

**Italiano** Il gruppo di

preghiera Italiano, si

raduna ogni giovedì alle

ore 10 nella sala

parrocchiale.

**Sacraments**

**Confession**

Sat 8:30-9:20am, 4:45pm

or any time by

appointment

**Baptism**

Every 2nd, 3rd and 4th

Sunday 11.15am

**Marriage**

At least 6 months notice

required

**Anointing of the Sick**

Any time on call

**Devotions**

**Holy Hour & Rosary**

Sunday - Friday

before morning mass

**Rosary & Benediction**

Sat 8:30-9:30am

**Elsa George Rosary**

**Group** Second Saturday

of the month at 2.30pm

9716 6676 All welcome

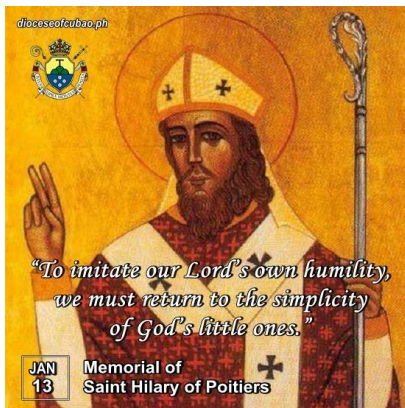
**Novena to Our Lady of**

**Perpetual Help**

Wednesday 7pm

**Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of  
the Week  
(11 - 16 Jan 2021)**

Wed 13/1 St Hilary, bishop, doctor



**COVID-19 update**

In keeping with NSW Health directives, anyone attending a church now must wear a face mask. Children under the age of 12 are exempt from this rule, but are encouraged to wear face masks where practicable.

NSW Health can impose a \$200 fine on each individual failing to abide by this rule.

Up to 100 people can attend Masses as well as other ceremonies including funerals, baptisms and weddings, providing a four square metre rule is observed.

QR codes are now compulsory for churches to ensure there is a record kept for all attendees. However in cases where you have parishioners unable to use a QR code, in these cases, the parish must keep an electronic record of that person’s name and contact details.

**Go Make Disciples**

Thank you to all our parishes and Eucharistic communities for your support following this month’s successful launch of our new Archdiocesan Mission Plan, Go Make Disciples.

The plan has come after over five years of consultation with clergy and laity through the ‘Parish 2020’ process, focused on how best to ensure our parishes are true centres of the new evangelisation so they can nurture the faith of future generations of Catholics.

Visit the Go Make Disciples website (<http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au>) where you’ll find a downloadable copy of the full plan and a summary version.

**Summer Nights 2021**

The Summer Nights Events have been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

**Thank you for donating Hand Sanitisers**

This new year we received 3 boxes of hand sanitisers from Yay & Jo Medina (2) and Belle de Jesus (1).

Last year we also received hand sanitisers from our parishioners..

For all these donations, we *thank you so much.*

**Thank you for supporting the 2020 Catholic Mission Parish Appeal.** I would be grateful if you could please pass on my sincere thanks to all those parishioners who contributed to the appeal.

With their help, Bishop Kike can continue to reach out and help rebuild the lives of those who are suffering from trauma and depression brought on through illness and injury caused by landmines in Cambodia.

**Total amount raised: \$970**



**Invitation to join our Parish Knitting Group**

Ladies would you like to meet other ladies in the parish? Would you like to bring your knitting along and share your knitting skills, with other ladies who would like to learn? Would you like to help those less fortunate by keeping them warm when cold? Would you like to have a chat while having a cuppa and cake, as you get to know one another?

If you are interested, please do not hesitate to call me on 9789 2397.

If there is enough interest, a time after Mass during the week can be arranged and I would love to see you there!

*Valerie Simms*

*Knitting Group will have their knitting session every Saturday at the Hall from 3:00 - 4:30pm starting on 16/1/21. Anyone is welcome (even males).*